Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Shri V.K. Tiwari, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal on 24.11.2020 (via VC) to review status of CIL Surface Coal Gasification projects.

List of participants is enclosed at Annexure.

- 2. A meeting was held on the above subject through VC wherein officers from CIL, CMPDI, WCL, ECL, CCL, SECL and PDIL participated. At the outset, Additional Secretary, MoC welcomed the participants and briefed about the meeting on infrastructure projects of Coal sector taken by Honorable Prime Minister on November 18, 2020 and subsequent advice to compress the timeline for the projects. It was also informed that an action taken report with revised timelines has been sought on the same within 15 days.
- 3. Initiating the discussions, Shri Peeyush Kumar informed that there are 4 projects in CIL subsidiary companies wherein PDIL has been awarded the job of preparing **pre feasibility report (PFR)**. PDIL was then requested to make a presentation about the status and expected timelines for completion of these jobs.
- 4. Shri Ashutosh Prasad, GM, PDIL presented the latest status of completion of PFR study for all the four projects; he also briefed about the information awaited from the employer subsidiary and further informed that a number of his staff have been affected by Corona Virus which has impaired organization's delivery on these projects.

It was noted that Head of Project (HoP) for each project needs to be notified immediately by the CIL and Subsidiary concerned for administrative efficiency, ease of operation and responsible monitoring with clearly defined role and responsibility. It was decided that CIL and subsidiary concerned will notify HoP for each project by 25 Nov. 2020.

Action: Director T CIL/ CMD of WCL/ECL/CCL/SECL
Action: 25.11.2020

The following discussions were held and decisions were taken on each project.

4.1 Mahamaya Project, SECL

4.1.1 It was informed by PDIL that as per award of work, report was to be submitted by 20 Nov 2020. It was further informed that the product has been finalized after the market survey report of Deloitte and Ammonia would be the final product. PDIL then informed that availability of land is yet to be confirmed by SECL which is delaying finalisation of report. Director (T), SECL informed that the email of this request has been received from PDIL yesterday and the confirmation will be sent in 2 days time. AS (C) directed SECL to send confirmation about the availability of land by today afternoon to PDIL.

Action: Director (T), SECL Timeline: 24.11.2020

4.1.2 PDIL was then advised to submit PFR by 30th of this Month. PDIL assured to submit the draft report by 30.11.2020.

Action: Shri Ashutosh Prasad, GM, PDIL

Timeline: 30.11.2020

4.2 Utkarsh, WCL

4.2.1 It was informed by PDIL that the product has been finalized after the market survey report of Deloitte and methanol may be the final product. PDIL then informed that availability of land is yet to be confirmed by SECL which is delaying finalisation of report. Director (T), WCL informed that confirmation of 65 Ha land was already given. Land is not an issue and WCL will make arrangement of land as per the requirement projected by PDIL which about 250 Acre. AS directed WCL to send confirmation about the availability of land by email by today to PDIL.

Action: Director (T), WCL Timeline: 24.11.2020

4.2.2 PDIL was then advised to submit PFR by 30th of this Month. PDIL assured to submit the draft report by 30.11.2020.

Action: Shri Ashutosh Prasad, GM, PDIL

Timeline: 30.11.2020

4.3 Shilpanchal, ECL

4.3.1 It was informed by PDIL that the product has been finalized after the market survey report of Deloitte and methanol, SNG and Ammonium Nitrate may be the final products. PDIL then informed that availability of land is yet to be confirmed by ECL which is delaying finalisation of report. Director (T), ECL informed that confirmation of 50 Ha land was already gven. However, as desired confirmation of 160 Ha land will be given by today to PDIL.

Action: Director(T), ECL Timeline: 24.11.2020

4.3.2 PDIL was then advised to submit the PFR by 30th of this Month. PDIL mentioned that due to corona cases in PDIL, they are facing problem; however, PDIL assured to submit the draft report by 05.12.2020.

Action: Shri Ashutosh Prasad, GM, PDIL

Timeline: 05.12.2020

4.4 Ashoka, CCL

4.4.1 It was informed by PDIL that the product has been finalized after the market survey report of Deloitte and SNG, Ammonia and Ammonium Nitrate may be the final products. PDIL mentioned the issue of availability of land. Director (T), CCL mentioned about availability of 250 Acre land whereas PDIL is asking for 350 Acre land. It was noted that 2 products can be made in available 250 Acre land. AS advised PDIL and CCL to meet today itself to decide about the products as per availability of land and finalize the same so as to facilitate PDIL in finalising draft report.

Action: Director (T), CCL and PDIL

Timeline: 24.11.2020

4.4.2 PDIL was then advised to submit the PFR by 30th of this Month. PDIL assured to submit the draft report by 07.12.2020.

Action: Shri Ashutosh Prasad, GM, PDIL

Timeline: 07.12.2020

- 5. PDIL was thereafter asked to leave the meeting and discussions were held on way ahead. GM, Coal Videsh CIL mentioned that in Dankuni tender peer review of the PFR study was done and the award of tender for preparation of bid documents were taken up after the peer review. It was also noted that the technical committee under the chairmanship of NITI Aayog had reviewed these projects on 3.11.2020 and certain observations were made which must be dealt during the peer review. In order to expedite the process of peer review, the following was decided.
- 5.1 MoC will take up with NITI Aayog for issuance of minutes of meeting of 3.11.2020 so as to incorporate it in the peer review.

Action: Peeyush Kumar, MoC

Timeline: 27.11.2020

5.2 CIL Coal Videsh to pass on information of the expert agencies in coal gasification based on participation in Dankuni pre-bid meeting and DCC tendering process so as to facilitate subsidiary companies to go for limited tender to complete peer review in shortest possible time.

Action: GM, Coal Videsh, CIL

Timeline: 25.11.2020

5.3 Subsidiary companies to obtain the terms of peer review done by CIL for DCC and incorporate the recommendations of technical committee of NITI Aayog so that limited tender can be done after submission of reports by PDIL.

Action: Director WCL/ECL/CCL/SECL

Action: 30.11.2020

5.4 It was informed by officers of coal Videsh that board approval will be required based on the report of peer review for taking up the project and for preparing tender documents. After finalisation of tendered value, detailed project report will have to be prepared for each project. All subsidiary companies were advised to make the timeline for commissioning the project based on today's discussions and decisions and submit timeline considering the period required for various activities and also keeping in mind urgency. Subsidiary companies should take help from DCC timeline to find out various activities involved and expected time taken in these activities. The timeline for the projects must be submitted to MoC by 30.11.2020.

Action: Director WCL/ECL/CCL/SECL

Action: 30.11.2020

6. After the discussion on these 4 projects, CCL and WCL were asked to go offline and discussions were held on the progress of Dankuni project.

6.1 At the outset, AS Coal desired to know as to who is the Head of Project (HoP) of DCC. GM, Coal Videsh informed that Coal Videsh Division of CIL is taking care of the tendering part. DT, SECL also confirmed that present GM, Dankuni under SECL is not dealing with this project and SECL has not much idea about the activities of the project. AS, thereafter directed that all Coal gasification projects must have a HoP duly designated immediately. He advised that HoP of each project of CIL and subsidiary must be communicated to MoC by 25.11.2020.

Action: Director T CIL/ CMD of WCL/ECL/CCL/SECL
Action: 25.11.2020

7. During the discussion it was not clear as to what actions have been taken so far for making the land available for construction of new plant, closure of earlier plant and various contracts associated with it, availability of desired quality of coal and obtaining various approvals in this regard. Director T SECL mentioned that the present plant is stopped since May 2020 and SECL is taking actions to dispose off various products lying in the campus. AS Coal observed that in the absence of a Project Head it is difficult to fix the timeline for various actions to be taken up for Dankuni project. However, GM Coal Videsh should examine the pending issues and prepare a timeline which be submitted to MoC by 27.11.2020 to be reviewed regularly.

Action: GM, Coal Videsh, CIL

Timeline: 27.11.2020

5. Meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.

Annexure

List of participants

Meeting was held via video conferencing.

Ministry of Coal-

- 1. Shri V.K. Tiwari, AS
- 2. Shri B.P. Pati, JS
- 3. Shri Peeyush Kumar, CM
- 4. Shri Hitlar Singh, US

Coal Companies

- 1. Shri M.K. Prasad, Dir (T), and officers of SECL
- 2. Shri Manoj Kumar, Dir (T), and officers of WCL
- 3. Shri Bhola Singh, Dir (T), and officers of CCL
- 4. Shri JK Gupta, Dir (T), and officers of ECL
- 5. Shri AK Samantray, and officers of Coal Videsh Division, CIL
- 6. Shri Chiranjib Patra, and officers of CMPDI

PDIL

1. Shri Ashutosh Prasad, GM PDIL and his team