No. 49029/3/2022-LAIR Government of India Ministry of Coal

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001. Dated: 7th April, 2022

To.

Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Coal India Limited, Coal Bhawan Premise No. 04 MAR, Plot No. AF-III, Action Area-1A, Newtown, Rajarhat, Kolkata – 700 156.

Chairman-cum-Managing Director, NLC India Limited No. 135, EVR Periyar High Road, Kilpauk, Chennai – 600 010, Tamil Nadu.

Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Kothagudem Collieries Bhadradri Kothagudem District, Telangana State – 507 101.

Sub. Engagement of retired Land Acquisition Officers of States as Consultants.

Sir.

It has come to the notice of Ministry of Coal that land acquisition process under the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) 1957 takes considerable amount of time. It would be beneficial to the land oustees as well as the Government Companies to minimize the the time taken in the entire acquisition process. This matter has been discussed in the Ministry of Coal in detail.

- 2. After detailed discussions, it has been found that experience of retired Land Acquisition Officers/ Revenue Officers of the States may prove beneficial to the Coal Companies in expediting the acquisition process.
- 3. In view of above, it is suggested that Government coal companies may engage retired Land Acquisition Officers/ Revenue Officers of States as Consultant for acquisition of land under CBA Act, if required.

4. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Coal).

Yours faithfully,

(Ram Shiromani Saroj)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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i. CMD, BCCL/CCL/ECL/MCL/NCL/SECL/WCL/CMPDI.

- CMDs/MDs of all other Central Public Sector Undertakings/ State Public Sector Undertakings acquiring land for coal mining under CBA (A&D) Act, 1957.
- iii. Senior Technical Director (NIC), Ministry of Coal with request to upload this letter on website of Ministry of Coal.
