

EAC recommends 12 MTPA additional Coal mining in December 2018

EAC (Coal) on 13-14 December 2018 considered 19 proposals. There were total ten proposals for EC, Six proposals for ToR and one proposal each for Amendment in EC, Amendment in ToR and Extension of EC. EAC recommended 12.434 MTPA (million tonne per annum) additional coal mining in the meeting in six proposals.

State wise overview of capacity addition recommended			
Type of Proposal	State	Name of the proposal	New/Expn. Capacity (MTPA)
Coal Mining	Chhattisgarh	Expansion of Kusunda Opencast Coal Mine	4
	MP	Expansion of Khairaha UG Mine	0.234
	Maharashtra	Expansion of Penganga OC Coal Mining	1.8
		Umrer OC Expansion	1.4
	MP & UP	Expansion of Bina Extension OC Coal Mining	3
	Uttar Pradesh	Expansion of Dudhichua OC Coal Mining	2
	Total		
Coal Washery	Chhattisgarh	Kusunda Coal Washery	25
	Odisha	Basundhara Washery	10
	Total		

EAC recommends Kusunda in spite of non-compliance & other issues

Kusunda Opencast Coal Mine Project got recommended for 4 MTPA expansion. The Committee, in the first instance, was not convinced with the compliance status submitted by the Project Proponent and desired for action taken report on different observations of the Regional Office to examine adequacy and efficacy of pollution control measures and its impact on ambient air quality.

EAC took shelter under 'in view of the reported shortage of coal and to cater to the demand of linked critical and super critical thermal power plants' and recommended the project for grant of environmental clearance for further expansion up to 40 MTPA for a period of one year only, subject to terms and conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance dated 3rd July, 2018, along with some other additional conditions.' Environmental compliance should have been the main concern of the EAC.

Status of 19 proposals considered in the meeting

No	Stage	Project Proposal	Propo nent	State	Capacity (MTPA)	Lease area (ha)	Decision as per minutes
1	For EC	Expansion of Penganga OC Coal Mining Project	WCL	Maharashtra	1.8	763.06*	Recommended with exemption from PH
2	For EC	Umrer OC Expansion	WCL	Maharashtra	1.4	944.65*	Recommended with exemption from PH
3	For EC	Expansion of Bina OC Coal Mining Project	NCL	MP & UP	3	1798*	Recommended with exemption from PH
4	Amdt. in EC	Expansion of Kapurdi Lignite Coal Mining Project	BLMCL	Rajasthan	0.75	3223.5	Recommended
5	For EC	Expansion of Khairaha UG Mine Project	SECL	Madhya Pradesh	0.234	513.5*	Recommended with exemption from PH
6	For ToR	Expansion of Shantikhani Extension UG Coal Mining Project	SCCL	WB & Telangana	0.13	1697.7	Desired for the EIA/EMP report
7	Amdt. in ToR	Madanpur South Coal Mining Project	APMDC	Chhattisgarh	5.4	712.07	Recommended
8	For EC	Kistaram OC Coal Mining Project	SCCL	Telangana	2	435.68	Deferred
9	For EC	Kusmunda Coal Washery	SECL	Chhattisgarh	25	41.23	Recommended
10	For EC	Expansion of Topa-reorganization OC Coal Mining Project	CCL	Jharkhand	0.48	276.66	Deferred
11	For ToR (for EC reval.)	Kasnau Matasukh Lignite Mining Project	RSMM L	Rajasthan	1	1063.4	Desired for the EIA/EMP report
12	For ToR	Coal Washery (Wet process)	BECBPL	Chhattisgarh	1.25	1.25	Deferred
13	For ToR	Nowrozabad West Colliery Coal Mining Project	SECL	Madhya Pradesh	0.45	1272.2	Deferred
14	For ToR	North-West (NW) Quarry of Pakri Barwadih Coal Mine	NTPC	Jharkhand	3	15	Deferred
15	For ToR	New Kathara Coking coal Washery	CCL	Jharkhand	3	11.3	Recommended
16	For EC	Basundhara Washery	MCL	Odisha	10	43.9	Recommended
17	For EC	Expansion of Dudhichua OC Coal Mining Project	NCL	Uttar Pradesh	2	1752*	Recommended with exemption from PH

18	For EC	Expansion of Kusmunda Opencast Coal Mine Project	SECL	Chhattisgarh	14	1655.8	Recommended
19	Extension of EC	Expansion of Lakhanpur Opencast (Phase-II) Coal Mining Project	MCL	Odisha	2.25	2452	Recommended

* Existing lease area, no area expansion required

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