

**J-13012/16/2014-IA.I (T)**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**

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Dated: 10.10.2017.

To

The President (Corporate Affairs and Admin),  
M/s. India Power Corporation (Haldia) Ltd.,  
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**Sub: 3x150 MW Coal based Thermal Power Plant, at Villages Kismatshibrampur and Kashbera, Bhabanipur Tehsil, Distt. Purba Medinipur, West Bengal by M/s India Power Corporation (Haldia) Ltd. – reg. extension of validity of EC.**

Sir,

This has reference to your online application no. IA/WB/THE/25256/2014 dated 01.03.2017 and the subsequent letter dated 3.5.2017 for extension of validity of Environmental Clearance dated 12.4.2010. It is noted that EC for the above project (3x135 MW) was accorded by Department of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal on 12.04.2010. An amendment in EC for change in configuration from 3x135 MW to 3x150 MW, extension of validity of EC for two years i.e. till 12.04.2017 and amendment in EC for change in coal source to 100% imported coal and 30% domestic coal from e-auction incase of shortfall of imported coal were accorded by this Ministry on 14.10.2014, 13.08.2015 and 17.10.2016 respectively.

2. It has been noted that you have requested for extension of validity of EC beyond seven years till 31.10.2019. It is also noted that the Ministry has imposed moratorium on developmental projects in Haldia industrial vide Ministry's OM dated 13.1.2010. The moratorium in Haldia industrial region has been lifted vide Ministry's OM dated 17.9.2013. It has also been noted that the Ministry received a letter from RO, Bhubaneswar vide letter dated 24.3.2017 mentioning that SEIAA has accorded the EC to the said project by ignoring the Ministry's OM on imposition of moratorium on developmental project in Haldia Industrial region. Ministry sought clarification from SEIAA, West Bengal in this regard on 5.5.2017. SEIAA, West Bengal vide their letter dated 12.6.2017 clarified that the Principal Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department, Govt. of West Bengal in his note dated 4.6.2010 certified that Thermal Power Plant of M/s India Power Corporation (Haldia) Limited to be a project of public utility. His view was endorsed by MIC, Commerce & Industries Dept. on 6.4.2010. On receipt of note from Commerce & Industries department, the application for EC was further processed considering it "a project of public interest" and eventually EC was granted for installation of coal based Thermal Power Plant (3x135 MW) at Haldia. The Competent Authority has reviewed the grant of EC by SEIAA during the imposition of moratorium on developmental project and approved for considering the present proposal for extension of validity of EC.





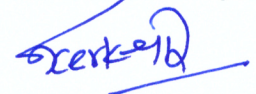
3. It has also been noted that the project has been delayed as the amendment for change in configuration from 3x135 MW to 3x150 MW has been issued on 14.10.2014. The project has also been delayed due to Local Land Looser problems. There is also a delay of getting ROW clearance from Haldia Development Authority and Haldia Dock Complex for construction of evacuation line. Planning to operate the project with imported coal resulted in minor changes in the design of the equipment's. Non-sequential supply of materials by BHEL leads delay in project. Delay in awarding of erection contractor by BHEL. Unit-1 has been synchronized. Unit-2 and Unit-3 are scheduled for commissioning on 31.1.2018 and 31.12.2018, respectively. Total project cost is Rs.2,665 crores. Expenditure incurred till 31.12.2015 is Rs. 2,200 crores.

4. The matter was placed before the EAC (Thermal Power) in its 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 30.8.2017. In acceptance of the recommendation of the EAC (Thermal Power) and in view of the information/clarification furnished by you, with respect to the above mentioned power project, **the Ministry hereby extends the validity of EC vide dated 12.4.2010 till 30.10.2019.**

5. All the conditions mentioned in the SEIAA's EC letter dated 10.4.2010 and this Ministry's letters of even Nos. dated 14.10.2014, 13.8.2015 and 17.10.2016 shall remain the same, as applicable.

6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

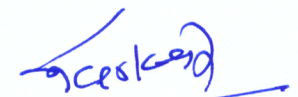
Yours faithfully,



(Dr. S. Kerketta)  
Director

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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Power, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110001.
2. The Chairman, Central Electricity Authority, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066.
3. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi- 110032.
4. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office (EZ), A/3, Chandersekharpur, Bhubaneswar - 751023.
5. The Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pranishampad Bhawan, Block LB-II, Salt Lake, Sector III, Bidhannagar, Kolkata- 700106.
6. The Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, 10A, Block-L.A, Sector 3, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700098.
7. The District Collector, Purba Medinipur District, Govt. of West Bengal.
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