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Subject Delegation of power to Regional Officers for granting of No Objection Certificate for disposal/utilization of fly ash generating for Coal/lignite base thermal power plant for reclamation of low-lying areas and in stowing/backfilling of abandoned mines/quarries.

- Ref:**
1. MOEF Notification about Fly Ash Utilization no. S.O. 763(E), dated 14/09/1999, S.O.2804 (E), dated: 03/11/2009 and S.O.254 (E), dated 25.01.2016 and new fly ash notification dtd. 31/12/2021.
 2. Decision of 8th Consent Appraisal Committee meeting of 2017-2018 held on 09/02/2018
 3. Guidelines for disposal/utilization of fly ash for reclamation of low lying areas and in stowing/backfilling of abandoned mines/quarries issued by CPCB on March 2019.
 4. MoEF & CC Office Memorandum vide No. F.No.22-13/2019-IA.III dtd. 28/08/2019.

In order to address the environmental concern of fly ash and to improve its utilization, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has issued a Notification on 14th September 1999 and subsequent amendments issued vide Notification dtd. 27th August,2003, 3rd November,2009 and 25th January,2016 from time to time.

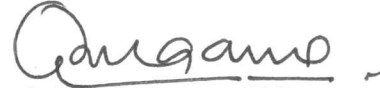
Further in supersession of the Notification S.O.763 (E), dated the 14th September, 1999 except as respect things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has issued a new Notification on 31, December,2021 for ash utilisation from coal or lignite thermal power plants. As per said notification "Every coal or lignite based thermal power plant (including captive or co-generating stations or both) shall be primarily responsible to ensure 100 per cent utilisation of ash (fly ash, and bottom ash) generated by it in an eco-friendly manner"

Central Pollution Control Board on March 2019 published "Guidelines for disposal/utilization of fly ash for reclamation of low-lying areas and in stowing/backfilling of

abandoned mines/quarries". Vide No. F.No.22-13/2019-IA.III dtd. 28/08/2019 MoEF & CC, Gol issued Office Memorandum allowed for disposal/utilization of fly ash for reclamation of low-lying areas and in stowing/backfilling of abandoned mines/quarries.

In compliance of Fly Ash notification issued by MoEF&CC time to time, Board has prepared guidelines and Bank Guarantee regime for disposal/utilizations of Bottom ash for reclamation of low-lying areas and in stowing/backfilling of abandoned mines/quarries and same was approved in 8th Consent Appraisal Committee meeting of 2017-2018 held on 09/02/2018 and NOC for bottom ash utilization was granted at HQ level after approval of Member Secretary.

In order to expedite the process of issuing NOC for such fly ash disposal, now it is directed to all Regional Officers to issue such NOC's at their level and there is no need to send such proposal to Head Quartered for approval.


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