

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
MINING & GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

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**No.MG.38/2020/362**

**Dated Shillong the 14<sup>th</sup> April , 2021**

**ORDER**

Whereas as per the Revised Comprehensive plan for handing over of extracted coal dated 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, the reserve price for e-auction of extracted coal by Coal India Limited shall be sum of pithead price notified under CIL price notification No.CIL:M&S:GM(F)/Pricing 2018/07 dated 8.1.2018 and the add-on notified for NEC, vide CIL's Price Notification No.CIL:M&S:Pricing 2018/327 dated 26.9.2018;

Whereas the Hon'ble NGT Committee Meghalaya during the eleventh Special Sitting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 regarding fixation of Reserve price for coal auction has fixed reserve price of coal to be put up for auction at Rs. 4850/- per MT in respect of lowest grade of coal (G17) and insofar price for higher grade coal, the price fixed by CIL vide notification dated 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 in respect of corresponding higher grade shall be added to base price fixed by NGT Committee in respect of Grade 17;

Whereas the Hon'ble High Court of Meghalaya vide its order dated 18.03.2020 in WP(C) No. 10 of 2020 observed that the reserve price/base price for fresh auctioned may be considered by the respondents to be computed and fixed at an amount not less than 40% (i.e. Rs. 2160/-) of the LC (Letter of Credit) value for export to Bangladesh which as per the State stands at Rs. 5400/- per tonne;

Whereas as per Honble NGT committee direction, the reserve price for G15 and G17 grade coal lots was fixed at Rs. 5558 per MT and Rs. 4850 per M.T. respectively and coal lots of 54,000 MT were put up for auction on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 on MSTC website and no one has bid for coal lots and auction event was unsuccessful perhaps due to higher reserve price;

Whereas it is necessary to revise the Reserve price fixed by Hon'ble NGT Committee during the special sitting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 to successfully conduct e-auction to dispose of extracted coal expeditiously;

Whereas the Coal India Limited vide letter No. CIL/DM/OTH-31/2084 dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 informed that the Reserve Price of the extracted coal in Meghalaya for sale through e-auction cannot be fixed at a price lower than the price applicable for the coal produced from the mines of North Eastern Coalfields (NEC) of Coal India Ltd. and stated that State Government may take a call on fixing the Reserve Price for the extracted coal at any price which is higher than the price declared for the equivalent grade of coal of NEC, while also taking into consideration the prevailing market conditions;

Whereas during the meeting of Mining and Geology Department and officials of DMR held on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 it was recommended to fix minimum reserve price at Rs. 2160 per MT irrespective of grades and maximum reserve price to be fixed as per the grades of coal;

Therefore, the Reserve Price for e-auction of coal lots of different grades is hereby fixed at Rs. 2160/- per M.T. or sum of Reserve Price and add-on price notified by CIL vide above mentioned price notifications, whichever is higher.

**Sd/-**

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Copy to:-

1. P.S to the Chief Minister of Meghalaya for kind information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. The Deputy Director General (C) and Member Secretary of Oversight Committee Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Shillong for kind information.
3. P.S to the Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Mining and Geology Department for kind information.
4. Shri. Shri. S.N Tiwary Director (Marketing), Coal India Limited Coal, Kolkata West Bengal for kind information.
5. The Director (Commercial), the MSTC Limited, Kolkata West Bengal for kind information.
6. The Director of Mineral Resources Meghalaya Shillong for information and necessary action.
7. State Informatics Officer/Senior System Analyst NIC, Shillong, Meghalaya with request to upload the order in Website of the Department.

*By orders etc.*



Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya  
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