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December 20, 2021

To,

The Chief Engineer - TPRM (Sh. B.C. Mallick),
(Member of Task Force for Categorization of TPPs)
Central Electricity Authority (CEA),
Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, Sector-1,
New Delhi – 110 066

**Sub: Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Task Force for Categorization of Power Plants
- reg.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter No. CEA-TH/14-24/2021/495-500 dated 15.12.2021 regarding Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Task Force for categorization of power plants as per MoEF&CC notification dated 31.03.2021, circulated by CPCB vide letter dated 13.12.2021.

The comments of CPCB in this regard are enclosed.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

[Nazimuddin]

Divisional Head - IPC-II

Copy to:

1. The Additional Secretary (Thermal),
Ministry of Power,
Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi
2. The Chairperson,
Central Electricity Authority
Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, Sector-1, New Delhi
3. The Member Secretary, CPCB/ Chairman - Task Force
4. The Director - CP Division, MoEF&CC
5. The Member (Thermal),
Central Electricity Authority
Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, Sector-1, New Delhi

**Comments on CEA's letter dated 15.12.2021 on MoM of 4th meeting of
Task Force for categorization of thermal power plants as per
MOEF&CC notification dated 31.03.2021**

Concluding observations of CEA in letter dated 15.12.2021:

“CEA had expressed in the 4th meeting of TF that the March 2021 notification does not mention Urban Agglomeration (UA) therefore only the cities may be considered for categorization of the 13 units.

It was also decided in the 4th meeting that CPCB will prepare guidelines for measuring the distances of a thermal generating unit from a million plus or non-attainment city and the same will be forwarded to SPCB. Accordingly, SPCB will provide the distance of a generating unit from nearest city and the same will be considered by Task Force.

However, CPCB vide its letter dated 13.12.2021 has informed the finalized categorization of 596 power plants. It may be noted that the categorization has been finalized by CPCB without considering the views expressed by CEA and decision taken in the meeting on 06.12.2021.”

Comments of CPCB on CEA's observation in letter dated 15.12.2021:

The criteria for measuring the distance of power plants was decided in the very first meeting of the Task Force held on 18.05.2021, and a final decision on main point of difference of CEA with other members was to be taken by the Task Force.

Chairman and other Members of Task Force noted that an urban agglomeration is a continuous urban spread constituting a town and its adjoining outgrowths and emphasized that considering protection of health of the people, UAs needs to be considered for categorization in the spirit of the Notification dated 31.03.2021

Accordingly, while duly recording the views of CEA, a final decision was taken by the Task Force for considering UAs for categorization of power plants.
