



IPC-II/TPP/CP-11/76/2022/

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**OFFICE ORDER**

**Sub:** Constitution of the committee for identification of mines for backfilling of mine voids with ash or mixing of ash with overburden dump, as per Notification No. 5481(E) dated 31.12.2021 regarding ash utilisation from coal or lignite based thermal power plants.

In supersession of the Notification No. S.O. 763 (E), dated the 14th September, 1999, except as respect things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India has issued Notification No. S.O. 5481(E) dated 31.12.2021 regarding ash utilisation from coal or lignite based thermal power plants.

As per Para B(5)(i) of the notification, a committee is to be constituted under the chairmanship of the Chairperson, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) comprising of representatives from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Ministry of Power (MoP), Ministry of Mines (MoM), Ministry of Coal (MoC), Director General of Mine Safety (DGMS) and Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) for identification of mines for backfilling of mine voids with ash or mixing of ash with overburden dump including examination of safety, feasibility (not economic feasibility) and aspects of environmental contamination.

Accordingly, with the approval of Chairperson CPCB, a committee is constituted for identification of mines for backfilling of mine voids with ash or mixing of ash with overburden dump, as per Notification No. 5481(E) dated 31.12.2021, as below:

**Composition of the Committee**

1	Chairperson, CPCB	Chairperson
2	Representative(s) of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India	Member
3	Representative(s) of Ministry of Power, Govt. of India	Member
4	Representative(s) of Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India	Member
5	Representative(s) of Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India	Member
6	Representative(s) of Director General of Mine and Safety	Member
7	Representative(s) of Indian Bureau Mines	Member

**Terms of Reference**

- (i) Identification of mines for backfilling of mine voids with ash or mixing of ash with overburden dump including examination of safety, feasibility (not economic feasibility) and aspects of environmental contamination, as per Para B(5)(i) of the notification.
- (ii) The committee shall get updated quarterly reports prepared regarding identified mines (both underground and opencast) for the stakeholder Ministries or Departments and the committee shall start identifying the suitable mines immediately.

IPC-II Division of CPCB will look after the work related to the above committee in CPCB under supervision of Member Secretary, CPCB.

  
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