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File No:J-13012/68/2006-IA-II(T)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
IA Division



Dated 31/07/2025



To,

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Subject: **Transfer of Environment Clearance dated 13/06/2007 titled “2×500 MW Tuticorin thermal Power Project, District Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu” from M/s. Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited to M/s. NLC Tamil Nadu Power Limited as per MoEF&CC O.M. dated 03/11/2023 & 19/02/2025 - regarding.**

Ref.: *Environment Clearance accorded by MoEF&CC vide EC letter dated 13/06/2007.*

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application submitted to MoEF&CC vide proposal number IA/TN/THE/483612/2024 dated 27/06/2024 seeking for grant of transfer of Environmental Clearance (EC) to the above mentioned project from M/s Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited to M/s NLC Tamil Nadu Power Limited under the provisions of EIA Notification 2006-and as amended thereof.

2. The particulars of the proposal are as below :

(i) EC Identification No.	EC24A0601TN5361679T
(ii) File No.	J-13012/68/2006-IA-II(T)
(iii) Clearance Type	Transfer of EC
(iv) Category	A
(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.	1(d) Thermal Power Plants
(vi) Sector	Thermal Projects
(vii) Name of Project	2x500MW Tuticorin Thermal Power Project, District Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu
(viii) Name of Company/Organization	
(ix) Location of Project (District, State)	Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu

(x) Issuing Authority	MoEF&CC
(xi) EC Date	13/06/2007
(xii) Details of Transferee	M/s. NLC Tamil Nadu Power Limited
(xiii) Details of Transferor	M/s. Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd

3. M/s. NLC Tamil Nadu Power Limited has made online application vide proposal no. IA/TN/THE/483612/2024 dated 27/06/2024 along with Form - 7 seeking for transfer of Environmental Clearance accorded by the Ministry vide letter no. J-13012/68/2006-IA-II(T) dated 13/06/2007 and its subsequent EC validity extension letter dated 11/01/2013 from M/s Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited to M/s NLC Tamil Nadu Power Limited under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the project mentioned above.

4. The details of the EC transfer proposal is given as below:

i. MoEF&CC accorded EC in the name of M/s. Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited vide letter no. J-13012/68/2006-IA-II(T) dated 13/06/2007 for setting up of "2x500MW Tuticorin Thermal Power Project, District Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu". Subsequently, MoEF&CC vide letter dated 11/01/2013, MoEF&CC extended the validity of the EC dated 13/06/2007 till 12/06/2017.

ii. Meanwhile, NLC India Limited (NLCIL) erstwhile Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC) and Tamil Nadu Generation & Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO) set up a joint venture company namely M/s. NLC Tamilnadu Power Limited to implement the above mentioned project. The equity participation of the NLC India Limited and TANGEDCO is of the ratio 89:11.

iii. Certificate for commencement of business for M/s. NLC Tamilnadu Power Limited was obtained on 18/11/2005 and Certificate of Incorporation for M/s. NLC Tamilnadu Power Limited was obtained on 27/11/2005. However, proponent failed to transfer the EC dated 13/06/2007 and its subsequent EC validity extension letter 11/01/2013 in the name of M/s. NLC Tamilnadu Power Limited.

iv. Meanwhile, 2x500MW Tuticorin Thermal Power Project got implemented in the name of M/s. NLC Tamilnadu Power Limited. The requisite consent from TNPCB was obtained in the name of M/s. NLC Tamilnadu Power Limited and EC was remain in the name of M/s. Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited..

v. Ministry vide O.M. dated 03/11/2023 directed all the project proponents who have not yet applied till date for transfer of EC as per the provisions of EIA Notification 2006, even after one year from the date of change in ownership and/or change in name of the Company, shall apply for the same within a period of 6 months from the date of issue of this Office Memorandum, and the same shall not be considered as non-compliance of EC condition. In case of time limit is more than 6 months, considered as a non-compliance of EC condition and action shall be initiated on the project proponent as per the existing rules. The said O.M. was further amended on 19/02/2025, wherein following procedure was delineated to deal with the non-compliance of EC condition:

Step 1: The Project proponent shall apply on PARIVESH portal with the detailed justification for the delay in applying for transfer of EC, after a period of twenty-four months.

Step 2: The concerned Member Secretary shall obtain the Certified Compliance Report (CCR) for the project from the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry.

Step 3: The proposal and the justification along with the CCR shall be referred to the concerned sectoral EAC or SEAC as the case may be. The Committee shall check the status of compliance and the justification provided for the delay in applying for the transfer of EC and give its recommendations on condonation of delay or otherwise.

Step 4: In cases where the committee has recommended for the condonation of delay, the file shall be processed for transfer of EC with condonation of delay by the Hon'ble Minister for Environment Forest and Climate Change at the central level and the concerned Chairman, SEIAA at the State level.

vi. Proponent vide proposal no. IA/TN/THE/483612/2024 dated 27/06/2024 applied for transfer of EC dated 13/06/2007 from M/s Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited to M/s NLC Tamil Nadu Power Limited which was beyond the timeframe of six months i.e., 03/05/2024 as per O.M. dated 03/11/2023. In view of this, proponent was asked to submit the certified compliance report and justification for delay in applying for the transfer of EC.

vii. Proponent submitted the certified compliance report and justification for delay in applying for the transfer of EC on 21/06/2025. **Proposal was placed before the EAC consideration in its 27th meeting held on 08/07/2025** under Additional agenda item.

5. Status of implementation of the EC dated 13/06/2007 is furnished as below -

S. No	Products	As per EC dated 13/06/2007 and extension dated 11/01/2013	As per CTO dated 30/01/2014 (current CTO dated 12/04/2022)	Balance Quantity
1	Power Generation	1000MW (2x500MW)	1000MW (2x500MW)	Nil

Compliance status to the conditions prescribed in the EC dated 13/06/2007: Certified Compliance Report (CCR) was issued from the Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chennai on 17/06/2025. As per the report, all the conditions prescribed in the EC are being complied.

6. Reasons for transfer of EC and ownership details: NLC India Limited (NLCIL) erstwhile Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC) and Tamil Nadu Generation & Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO) set up a joint venture company namely M/s. NLC Tamilnadu Power Limited to implement the above mentioned project. The equity participation of the NLC India Limited and TANGEDCO is of the ratio 89:11.

Corporate Identification Number (CIN) of both companies are different as mentioned below-

Name of Entity	CIN Number	Remarks
M/s. Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd	L93090TN1956GOI003507	CIN number of M/s. Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. and M/s. NLC Tamil Nadu Power Limited is different. In view of this, proposal involves transfer of EC for change in name of the company with change in ownership.
M/s. NLC Tamil Nadu Power Limited	U40102TN2005GOI058050	

7. Justification for condonation of delay: NTPL inadvertently failed to apply during the stipulated time period.

8. Summary of court cases: Nil.

9. Summary of Show Cause Notices (last two years): Nil.

10. Documents submitted for the EC transfer: PP has submitted the following documents:

- NOC by transferor M/s. Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd vide letter dated 27.06.2024.
- Undertaking by M/s. NLC Tamil Nadu Power Limited in a non-judicial stamp paper stating that they will abide by all the conditions stipulated in the EC letter dated 13.06.2007.
- CTO granted vide order dated 12/04/2022 in the name of M/s. NLC Tamil Nadu Power Limited.
- Certified Compliance Report (CCR) issued from the Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chennai on 17/06/2025.

Observation and deliberations of the Committee

11. The Committee noted the following:

i. Instant proposal is for transfer of Environmental Clearance accorded by the Ministry vide letter no. J-13012/68/2006-IA-II(T) dated 13/06/2007 and its subsequent EC validity extension letter dated 11/01/2013 from M/s Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited to M/s NLC Tamil Nadu Power Limited under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006.

ii. Proposal was referred to EAC by the Ministry in accordance with the MoEF&CC OM dated 19/02/2025.

iii. The Committee deliberated on the CCR dated 17/06/2025 and observed that all the conditions prescribed in the EC dated 13/06/2007 and its subsequent amendment are being complied with.

iv. Committee noted that reasons delay in submission of EC transfer application was NTPL was inadvertently failed to apply during the stipulated time period as per MoEF&CC O.M. dated 03/11/2023.

Recommendations of the Committee

12. In view of the foregoing and after detailed deliberations, the Committee **recommended** for the condonation of delay and processing of file as per MoEF&CC O.M. dated 19/02/2025.

Decision of the Ministry

13. Considering the above, it has been decided by the Ministry to condone the delay made by NTPL for submitting the EC transfer application as per MoEF&CC OM dated 19.02.2025 and hereby transfer the Environmental Clearance dated 13/06/2007 and its subsequent EC validity extension letter dated 11/01/2013 from M/s Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited to M/s NLC Tamil Nadu Power Limited subject to satisfactory compliance to all the stipulated specific and general conditions mentioned in the EC letter dated 13/06/2007.

14. In case, there is a change in the scope of the project, fresh Environmental clearance shall be obtained.

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

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6. The District Collector, Tuticorin, State Government of Tamil Nadu.
7. PARIVESH Portal

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