

Jindal Power gets environ nod for Chhattisgarh unit

Company can now restart construction at 2,400 mw project

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The Ministry of Environment and Forest has restored the terms of reference for Jindal Power's 2,400 mw power plant in Chhattisgarh.

The company can now restart construction work on the project, which was stalled in June this year due to non-compliance with the original plan approved by the ministry.

According to an order passed by an expert committee under the ministry, the company may go ahead with the project by following the original terms of reference.

Jindal Power had proposed to extend the capacity of its 1,000 mw power plant at Tannar, in Raigarh district of Chhattisgarh in March 2009. And it wanted to build a 4x 600 mw coal-based power plant at a new site in Tannar.



It was asked to submit an environment impact assessment study to the state pollution control board, but without waiting for the approval from the government, the company started construction work for the 2,400 mw thermal power plant at the site where the 1,000 mw plant was already operational.

While the original plan for the 2,400 mw project was to construct a new plant over

1,000 hectares with a system to treat the fly ash produced at the site, Jindal Power started construction work at a 62-hectare site instead.

To apprise the ministry of its position, Jindal Power had made a presentation on August 10 to an expert committee.

The company said the project would now come up over 456 hectares and maintained there will be no location change.

According to the presentation, for the 1,000 mw plant, an area of 614 hectares was approved for the project of which 360 hectares was earmarked for the main plant.

But Jindal Power has managed to fit all four 250 mw units commissioned in 2008 in 245 hectares. So the balance 115 hectares was available, which is where the new main plant of the 2,400 mw project will now be set up. **Turn to Page 13**

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This will be feasible because the project will now be sharing facilities with the existing plant.

Jindal Power said it has only optimised land use due to scarcity, which was a requirement as per the terms of reference issued on March 31, 2009.

Jindal Power had raised ₹10,000 crore from a consortium of 23 banks in April this year for the project.

The company had also placed orders with Bhel for supply, erection and commissioning of 4 X 600 mw boiler turbine generation package. The project is estimated to cost at ₹13,410 crore.