

## Annexure 6

**Point No.8:** Compliance of serial no. M3.4(i).

Remarks: Prospecting not done. But as per MoEF&CC order dated 24.12.2018 permission is required.

### **Explanation/Response:**

Geological investigation/prospecting for possible opencast exploitation of the coal present in Gondulpara coal block was done by Geological Survey of India (GSI) during the period 1962 -1972 as a part of the Regional exploration on behalf of Government of India & thereafter by CMPDI during 1996-98 by drilling 55 boreholes over an area of 4.10 Sq.km. The coal block was previously allotted to M/s Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd in the year 2006. The previous allottee did not carry out any significant development work and after the cancellation of the coal block in Sept 2014; the block was again put up for auction for commercial use which was allotted to M/s Adani Enterprises Ltd on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

The Geological Report which was prepared by CMPDIL in January 2000 about 21 years back has now been transferred to us by MOC upon allocation of the coal block. The prospecting work was carried out CMPDIL on behalf of the Government and the investigations being so old, no relevant documents or records could be found with respect to EDS point M 3.4 (i). However, in case of any future exploratory drilling is required to be done in the forest land, proper permission as per the FC Act 1980 will be sought.

