

Adani gets green nod for Godda power plant

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Ranchi: The Adani Group's proposed 1,600 MW thermal power plant in Godda district has obtained the environmental clearance from the Narendra Modi government.

In a meeting on June 28 in New Delhi, the expert appraisal committee (EAC) on environmental impact assessment (EIA) of thermal power projects gave its nod to the conglomerate for setting up the plant in four villages — Motiya, Patwa, Gangta and Nayabad — of Godda and at five other villages — Sondiha, Petbi, Gayghat, Rangania and Mali — in Poreiyahat block of Godda, 330km from Ranchi.

In the meeting, a copy of which is with the TOI, the

Moodys upgrades Abbot Point rating

Moodys Investors Service upgraded the ratings on the Adani Groups Australian assets Abbot Point Terminal to stable from negative. The rating is on the senior secured debt and senior secured bank credit facility ratings of the company. Abbot Point Terminal owns Abbot Point Coal Terminal, which is fully held by Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone, in north Queensland in Australia.

committee has given its consent for granting of clearance against 10 conditions. The conditions mandate that the land acquisition for the project must be carried out in accordance with the Santhal

Pargana Tenancy Act (SPT) and the 2013 land acquisition Act. The committee has also mandated that the project must explore usage of sewage water from nearest local body, ensuring zero liquid discharge.

The EAC has proposed that the company must carry out skill mapping of the project-affected people for their livelihood generation, promote modern methods of organic farming and drip irrigation. "Under the company's corporate social responsibility (CSR), it should take up skill development of women, nutrition development of children around the project and set up computer training facilities," the EAC has stated.

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In its earlier proposal to the Raghu-bar Das government, the Adani Group had said it will need 2,100 acres of land. Later, it revised its land requirement to 910 acres.

Sources in the company confirmed the development. "The groundwork can begin now," the official said, requesting anonymity.

The company's officials on Monday said it has begun transferring money to the Godda district administration for compensating the landowners. Godda deputy commissioner Bhuvanesh Pratap Singh said, "We have received Rs 56 crore from the Adani Group in the first phase. The money will be paid to 400 families who have lost their lands in Motiya village (in Godda) as compensation."

The Gautam Adani-led conglomerate will have to pay Rs 357 crore in compensation to the displaced families.

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As many as 1,800 families are to be displaced for the project, which is expected to draw investment of Rs 15,000 crore. Once operational, it will supply 75% of its total power produce to Bangladesh as per an agreement between the two nations.

The proposed site has been witnessing intense protests since last year. The opposition parties have trashed two public hearings that were held by company officials, district administration and the villagers in January and March this year.