

ATR on the Minutes of SOM held on 06.04.2020

1. The preparedness of Steel Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) to counter COVID-19 pandemic was reviewed. The need to adhere to various guidelines and to maintain social distancing was again reiterated by Secretary(Steel). Regarding preparedness of Hospitals managed by Steel CPSEs, it was advised that the Director(HR/Personnel) of the CPSEs may create a WhatsApp group of all nodal health officers for quick flow of information and better coordination in handling COVID related matters.

ATR : CMD, MECON, CGM (P&A) and nodal health officers, are part of the WhatsApp group created by MoS for coordination in handling COVID related matters.

2. Secretary(Steel) requested all the Divisional Heads/AS/JSs in the Ministry to hold regular Video Conferencing with their respective CPSE so as to have regular updates on the preparedness of the CPSEs, including issues relating to COVID-19, so that the same could be taken up/flagged to the concerned authorities.

ATR : MECON is participating in all VC meetings organized by MoS and giving regular updates on all matters including issues related to COVID-19.

3. The status of contribution to Prime Ministers CARES FUND was reviewed. Secretary(Steel) requested the Steel CPSEs (RINL, MOIL, MECON, FSNL) which are yet to remit one day salary contribution to PMCF, to take immediate action to remit their contributions by tomorrow viz. 7th April, 2020. Regarding contributions to PMCF amounting to Rs.250 crore by private sector steel companies, the concerned Division was advised to get in touch with all the major private steel producers such as TATA Steel, JSW, JSPL and others and request their contribution to PMCF.

ATR : MECON has remitted an amount of Rs.47.12 Lakhs as contribution of 'one day's salary' to PM CARES Fund on 07.04.2020.

4. Regarding extension of the "Prime Minister Garib Kalyan Package : Insurance Scheme for Health Workers Fighting COVID-19", Secretary(Steel) advised that the enrolment of CPSEs run hospitals/health facilities engaged in the fight against COVID-19, be ensured in the light of the guidelines of M/o H&FW in this regard. JS(K) informed about clarification issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt about coverage of health personnel involved in treatment of COVID-19 patients.

ATR : In our small captive hospital at Ranchi, there are 110 health workers as per the guidelines of PMGKP- Insurance Scheme who are engaged to fight against COVID-19. The aforesaid scheme, its benefits, detailed procedure for availing the benefits by the beneficiaries have been explained to them. MECON is fully committed to extend all help in case of any eventualities. We would like to inform that till date there is no COVID-19 case reported till date.

5. On supply of oxygen for medical purposes, Secretary(Steel) advised SAIL and RINL to inform the respective State Governments regarding availability of oxygen at their end and their capacity to supply oxygen, if needed, by the State authorities. SAIL/RINL advised to take FDA/IP licence to enable them to supply medical grade oxygen.

ATR : Not applicable

6. Issues relating to production, availability of raw materials, logistics, inventory, etc. arising out of the lockdown were reviewed. Steel CPSEs informed about maintaining their operations. The CPSEs were advised to have a prior

plan/strategy in place for smooth operations of their plant/offices in districts/places under lockdown, keeping in view the relaxation/partial withdrawal of the lockdown, as and when allowed by the Government.

ATR : MECON has prepared an SoP (Standard Operating Practice) on resumption of Work after lock down for smooth functioning of all our offices and project sites whenever Lock down is withdrawn whether fully or partially. **The SoP has been prepared in line with government guidelines issued from time to time on precautionary measure on safety, health and protocol etc as precautionary measure to combat COVID-19. All efforts have been made to incorporate different Govt. guideline and notification in the SoP.**

7. On disruptions in supply of iron ore feared owing to expiry of leases on 31st March, 2020, Secretary(Steel) impressed upon the need to be extra vigilant in this regard and take all measures by SAIL and NMDC to obviate any adverse impact on steel production. Secretary(Steel) desired that the status may be apprised by the concerned Division in this regard.

ATR : Not applicable

8. On issues relating to refractories, Secretary(Steel) suggested that the matter may be flagged.

ATR : Not applicable

9. Regarding the monthly DO letter of Ministry of Steel to Cabinet Secretary, Secretary(Steel) advised that letter from the Ministry may bring out the initiatives taken by the Ministry/CPSEs in the past one month to fight COVID-19, contributions by CPSEs to PM CARES FUND, Remittance by CPSEs to CBDT under Vivad se Vishwas Scheme for settlement of long pending direct tax

disputes, apart from a summary on the achievements of the CPSEs during the whole year (2019-20).

ATR : MECON has submitted its monthly DO on 07.04.2020 incorporating the above directives .

10. Reviewing the Status of expenditure incurred budget head-wise during 2019-20, Secretary(Steel) desired that a statement containing budget head-wise allocation and expenditure incurred/utilized thereon, during 2019-20 may be furnished.

ATR : Not applicable