

**Rejoinder on press clipping in Odia Daily The Sambad on 08<sup>th</sup> August 2023 regarding E-auction sale of surplus G-17 Grade Coal of 2.22 L te by Odisha Coal and Power Limited (OCPL) during FY 22-23**

- i. G-17 blended coal was prepared by blending 20% of G-14 Grade coal (3100-3400 GCV) with 80% un-graded coal (below 2200 GCV) . The Un-graded coal below 2200 Kcal. GCV is occasionally found in between the coal seams, as carbonaceous shale, which is other-wise dumped in OB dump during mining of coal, as overburden material. The un-graded coal has zero notified sale price but because of its heat content spontaneous heating occurs overtime in OB dump endangering Safety and Environment.
- ii. During the coal crises in the country, on the advice of Ministry of Coal,Govt.of India to ramp up coal production and sale of surplus coal , the blended G-17 Grade coal of 2.5 Lakh Tone quantity was put for e-auction sale. 19 numbers of consumers booked G-17 Grade coal in the e-auction conducted by MSTC Platform. Although 2.5 Lakh Tonnes was purchased by Bidders through Auction, 28,039T quantity of coal was not lifted by the bidders in time ,for which EMD was forfeited by OCPL in compliance of auction Terms and Conditions . The sale fetched a net realization of Rs.80.62 Crores to OCPL and Rs.30.24 Crores towards royalty and taxes to the State and Central Government.
- iii. If the G-14 Grade coal (20%) i.e. 44,392 tone would have been sold through e-auction, the assessed sale realization would have been Rs.10.5 Crore @ Rs.2,122/- (NCI price per Ton) and Rs.26.55 Crore @Rs.5,727/- per ton of (weighted average e-auction price during the year ). Compared to this, OCPL initiatives on G-17 matter, fetched Rs 80.62 crs.
- iv. Further the gainful utilisation of ungraded coal has resulted in reduction of Stripping Ratio by 0.06Cum/t and reduced the overall production cost by Rs.10/t, which resulted in Rs. 8 Crores benefit in terms of coal production cost.
- v. Above analysis reflects, the e-auction sale of G-17 Grade by OCPL has fetched more than Rs 86 Crores additional revenue to OCPL and Rs.27 Crore towards royalty and taxes to the government.
- vi. The press Clipping dated 8<sup>th</sup> August,23 on the subject matter is frivolous and an apology has been sought from the publisher.