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Date: 16/02/2026

NOTICE

Subject: Compliance of the Orders dated 29.04.2025 passed by the Hon'ble Jharkhand High Court in W.P.(C) No.2313 of 2017 and analogous cases.

Pursuant to competent approval the notice no. 2186 dated 05-02-2026 was issued by this office in compliance of the order(s) dated 29-04-2025 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Jharkhand in WPC No. 2313 of 2017 & analogous cases. Thereafter, several representations have been received from the claimants/petitioners seeking clarification(s) in the matter.

The clarifications are as under:

- 1) That the Hon'ble High Court in its order(s) dated 29-04-2025 has directed to consider the claims as per earlier order(s) dated 24-02-2016 passed by the Hon'ble Writ Court in WPC no. 4562 of 2012, 4543 of 2012, 4588 of 2012, 422 of 2016 and other analogous cases (total 43 cases). In the earlier order(s) dated 24-02-2016 the Hon'ble Writ Court at paragraph 8 has directed "... if claim of the individual petitioners are found admissible, the amount in question be refunded along with interest @ 6% as per ratio laid down by the Apex Court in the case of S.J. Coke Industries Private Limited & others". Further, the Hon'ble High Court in WPC No. 2313 of 2017 & analogous cases vide order(s) dated 29-04-2025 has re-iterated that "... if the authority comes to the conclusion that the claims of the writ petitioners are genuine then the consequential amount as per ratio laid down in the case of Ashoka Smokeless Coal India (P) Ltd. & Ors. and S.J. Coke Industries Private Ltd. & Ors. be refunded..."
- 2) That pursuant to the above orders of the Hon'ble High Court, a notice bearing no. 1651 dated 03-07-2025 was issued by this office requesting the claimants to submit their claims supported with all relevant documents latest by 10-07-2025. However, on request of several petitioners/consumers/claimants the last date was extended multiple times till 31-12-2025 for submitting all required documents in support of their claims. Had the petitioners submitted their claims supported by all relevant documents in time, the process would have been completed much earlier.
- 3) That subsequently, after scrutiny of the claims and competent approval, the notice no. 2186 dated 05-02-2026 was issued by this office requesting the genuine claimants to sign on the statement of reconciled refund amounts with interest for those claims which are matter of the aforementioned order(s) of the Hon'ble High Court of Jharkhand. A duly sworn Indemnity Bond has also been requested so as to ensure the genuinity of claim settlement and safety & security of the company from those who are desirous of settling the claims strictly in terms of the order(s) of the Hon'ble High Court, as aforementioned.
- 4) That from the representations being received from the claimants/petitioners/consumers thereafter, it has been seen that additional claims, which have not been the consideration in the instant matter/case and which have not been allowed by the Hon'ble High Court of Jharkhand in the instant matter/case are also being raised frivolously. Hence such additional claims which are not covered under the case of Ashoka Smokeless Coal India (P) Ltd. & Ors. and S.J. Coke Industries Private Ltd. & Ors. cannot be allowed.

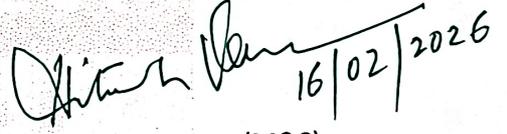

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- 5) That with regard to the particular clause of the Indemnity Bond relating to NOT raising dispute against BCCL at any Court of India, Public/Consumer forum in the matter, as being questioned in the representations, it is clarified that the same relates to the matter of the instant direction(s) of the Hon'ble High Court in WPC no. 2313 of 2017 & analogous cases which once reconciled and refunded shall stand settled. Needless to say that one who has one apple, cannot eat the apple and at the same time carry it too in one's pocket. It is re-iterated that this applies for those claims only which are being resolved as per the principles decided under *the case of Ashoka Smokeless Coal India (P) Ltd. & Ors. and S.J. Coke Industries Private Ltd. & Ors* and as per directions of the Hon'ble Court in WPC no. 2313 of 2017 & analogous cases.

It is, therefore, again clarified that all claims have been examined and concluded strictly as per the explicit directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Jharkhand in WPC no. 2313 of 2017 & analogous cases as well as the earlier directions in WPC no. 4562 of 2012, 4543 of 2012, 4588 of 2012, 422 of 2016 and other analogous cases. Those interested in settling the claims are therefore again requested to complete the process of refunds as specified in the notice no. 2186 dated 05-02-2026.

In case any further clarification is required, the claimants may come for meeting to the Office of the General Manager (M&S) at Koyla Bhawan, BCCL Township on **20th February, 2026** at 4:00 PM


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General Manager (M&S)

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