Coal ministry questions Jairam Ramesh’s policy on ‘no-go’ zones for mining

Green plus growth, please

They’re at it again. A riled coal ministry wants a Union cabinet go-ahead for 203 coal blocks denied permission to run for falling in areas designated as “no-go” for mining by the ministry of environment and forests (MoEF). “Go” and “no-go” zones as demarcated by the Jairam Ramesh-led MoEF signify, respectively, forest regions allowing mining and other more ecologically sensitive zones where it’s a strict no-no. Now, the issue isn’t whether or not India needs to champion green causes in a big way. It certainly does, and Ramesh’s ministry is doing a good, proactive job here. The issue is whether, as a developing nation on a high trajectory growth path, India can afford to view environment and development as anything but mutually reinforcing categories.

Speaking for coal-dependent sectors, the coal ministry estimates that the blocks if operating could generate an additional 1.3 lakh MW of power. It feels blanket bans aren’t desirable, since current statutes anyway require miners to get MoEF clearances to start rolling. The Planning Commission deputy chairman too has said “no-go” should be sensibly and scientifically defined. Flexibility is the key, which even Ramesh concedes. An area that’s ‘no-go’ today needn’t be so tomorrow, depending on future needs. Surely that’s a sensible standpoint.

Frequent clashes between key economic ministries – coal, power, transport, aviation or water resources – and MoEF are bad for Brand India.

Environment minister Jairam Ramesh’s decision to impose a blanket ban on mining in ‘no-go’ areas is welcome. It makes sense to push for a complete ban in mining in ‘no-go’ areas, which is just 35% of the forests under purview. A skewed mining policy allows states vast discretionary powers in allocation of contracts, which has led to rampant illegal mining and blatant encroachments in reserved forests. The reluctance of many states in implementing much-touted safeguards like monitoring and compensatory afforestation is obvious. Cases like the illegal mining reported in Karnataka expose the hollowness of eco-friendly rhetoric by state governments. In that context, it’s a relief that someone’s there to crack the whip.

It is unfortunate that some view Ramesh’s pro-environment stance through the grid of development alone. Such an opposition fails to recognise the urgent need to arrest environmental degradation, which is frequently irreversible. If corporations indulge in unabashed loot and state governments play footsie with them, it’s incumbent on the Union ministry of environment and forests to lay down a line in the sand by declaring environmentally sensitive zones to be no-go areas. Corporations and state governments cannot be trusted to clean up afterwards, once you let them in. It’s all very well to talk about a golden mean, but let the message sink in that environmental destruction must be prevented at all costs.

And even if mining companies go into ecologically sensitive zones with the best of intentions, sometimes the damage done to the environment and bio-diversity is irreversible. Not to mention that burning the coal which gets mined will further pollute the air and add to the greenhouse gases that are causing the planet to warm up. More expensive coal will spur the search for greener energy sources.

Give priority to environment

Ajay Vaishnav
Orissa detects 2 PSUs among 13 illegal mines

THOUGH it sounds strange, the Orissa government has found two state-run public sector undertakings among 13 mine lessees indulging in illegal mining, official sources said.

The state government is processing a show-cause notice likely to be served against its own PSU Orissa Mining Corporation soon on the charge of violation of mining rules, the sources said.

OMC, considered the highest revenue generating PSU for the state, was found indulging in illegal mining activities. Violation was detected in OMC’s two chromite mines and another mine owned by IDCOL, also a state run PSU.

Of the 13 mine lessees found in illegal mining activity, during 2009 and 2010, two were state PSUs operating three separate chromite mines, they said.

The others include Essel Mining & Industries Limited, S N Das Mohapatra, Indranil Patnaik, Arjun Lada, M S Deb and Ram Bahadur Thakur (RBT). OMC, which was allotted 502.457 hectares of chromite mines at South Kaliapani in Jagpur district, was found to have unauthorisedly encroached into another lease hold area.

The state’s steel and mines minister, Raghunath Mohanty, said, “The state government has been processing a show-cause notice against OMC on the charge of violation detected.”

Similarly, OMC was also found violating mining rules at its Kaliapani, Ostopal and Gurjang chromite mines in Jagpur district, they said. While none of the private mine operators was available for comment, officials in state-owned PSUs declined to comment.

The state-owned IDCOL, which owned Tilangi and Ostopal chromite mines spread over 65.683 hectares in Jagpur district, too was found violating lease covenants, a senior official in the mines department said. In case of private mine owners, the state government had already rejected application of RBT which was allotted 192.63 hectares of manganese mines at Kolha, Rudukela and Katasahi in Keonjhar district, he said.

The government was also inquiring into M S Deb mines accused of carrying out illegal mining beyond the lease area. Deb was allotted a manganese mines over 115.739 hectare at Dudduna and Baitarani area. The state government has also completed hearing of Arjun Lada’s iron and manganese mines which was located over 326.50 hectre of land at Haromoto and Parcheri in Keonjhar district.

In case of Indranil Patnaik’s Unehabal iron ore mines in Keonjhar district, the state government has found gross violation of lease covenants by clandestinely selling 3.04568.70 mt of iron ore by non-maintenance of proper records as required under the lease. The cost of the illegal mining was estimated at ₹1131,72,22,470.

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Demand prospects bright for aluminium

On Wednesday, Hindalco Industries Ltd touched a new 12-month high of ₹243 before closing a bit lower. The rise in its share price may have been prompted either by expectations of better performance in its domestic operations or even at its Canadian subsidiary Novelis Inc. Domestic aluminium producers will be relieved, as aluminium prices ended the year on a firm note, after falling halfway through the year. Aluminium prices on the London Metal Exchange (LME) have risen by just 7% to $2,404 (₹1,08,420) a tonne, compared with the year’s opening level. That is a meagre increase, especially when you consider that its base metal cousin, copper, did extremely well, rising by about 26% in the same period. But aluminium has done well since June, when it fell to a low of about ₹1,850 a tonne.

Demand for aluminium was quite solid during the year, as the world economy overall was in better shape, despite China’s efforts to cool economic growth and shivers caused by Europe’s economic worries. Alcoa Inc. estimated aluminium production in 2010 to increase by 13%. Global primary aluminium production rose by 3.5% in 2010, till November, compared with the year-ago period, based on data from the International Aluminium Institute (IAI).

Despite a 3.5% increase in production, LME inventories fell from 4.6 million tonnes (mt) in January 2010 to 4.3 mt. Physical inventories of primary aluminium with companies, measured by the IAI, have risen marginally, by about 5% to 1.3 mt. Alcoa forecasts world aluminium consumption to increase from 39 mt in 2010 to 73 mt in 10 years, achieving a compounded annual growth rate of 6.5%.

In the April-November period, India’s aluminium output rose by 8%, chiefly due to ramp-up of production at Vedanta Aluminium Ltd’s Jharsuguda smelter, according to the Ministry of Mines’ statistics. Domestic players are expanding capacity, anticipating rising demand which cannot be catered to by existing capacities.

Most global players, too, are expanding capacities. Despite an increase in supply, Alcoa expects that the market will remain tight in the next decade, due to demand outstripping supply. Indian firms are expanding existing capacities and also setting up new plants. Some have come up in 2010, but the bigger plants will come up in the next few years. India’s demand is expected to grow faster than global demand, as its industrial growth sustains momentum, especially the major users of aluminium—industries such as real estate, automobiles and engineering.

Aluminium prices are influenced by demand from financial investors and from actual users of the metal. The current rush for commodities provides a firm floor for prices, but it could quickly disappear, causing prices to wobble. This was visible in June, as fears surrounding Europe spooked investors. The inventory overhang in aluminium too continues but, having weathered it for a year, it does not seem to be worrying investors. UC Rusal, a large aluminium producer, believes that most LME inventories are covered by financial transactions and will not come into the market before mid-2011.

Indian aluminium producers are in a good position, with aluminium prices already up about 30% since the lows of June. But it has underperformed compared with commodities such as copper. The question is if that will change in 2011, for that will determine how much of an upside there is for investors in aluminium stocks. As of now, there is little to suggest a runaway movement in aluminium prices. In 2011, Indian firms will benefit more from their capacity additions, which will contribute to a better financial performance.
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Export of aluminium and aluminium products in 2009-10 declined 7.92% to ₹4,917.77 crore from ₹5,340.47 crore in 2008-09.
Decision on Posco by Jan-end: Jairam

Our Bureau

New Delhi, Dec. 29

The Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) will decide on the fate of Posco’s integrated steel plant in Orissa by January end.

Posco proposes to invest about $12 billion in a 12 million tonne per annum (mtpa) integrated steel plant and a captive port in Orissa. “We have received all the information on Posco and by January-end we will have complete clarity on the future of this project,” said the Environment Minister, Mr Jairam Ramesh, said on Wednesday.

The project includes three components — mining, steel plant and development of a port. “We are hopeful of a final decision on all the three components,” Mr Ramesh told reporters.

A section of media had reported on Wednesday that the Environment Ministry had cleared the Posco project, citing unnamed sources. Reacting to those reports, Mr Ramesh termed them as “premature, speculative and baseless”.

JAITAPUR N-PROJECT

Replying to a query on the growing local opposition to the 9000 MW Jaitapur nuclear project in Maharashtra, Mr Ramesh said there was no plan to review the conditional clearance granted by his Ministry to the project. “As far as environment clearance is concerned, we have done all that is required and all different interest groups should not use environment as a shield or cloak behind which they start firing their guns at the Government,” he said.

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Comex copper was steady at 431.50 cents per lb, just a hair off the record high of 433.50 cents hit on Tuesday.
गीतांजलि ने इटली की कंपनी का अधिग्रहण किया (1)

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US MAY MOVE WTO OVER CHINA RARE EARTH CUT

Reuters
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Final quotas will take into account domestic production and demand both at home and abroad, according to the ministry.

Prices have surged for these minerals, also used in making fluorescent light bulbs, since authorities in Beijing slashed their rare earth exports by 49 per cent this summer, saying China needed them for its economic development.

Last week, Hitachi Metals Ltd signed a joint venture with US-based Molycorp to help ensure a steady supply — an announcement that sent its shares up 15 per cent in a single trading session.
अवैध खनन में दो सरकारी कंपनियाँ भी लिप्त पाई गईं

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Hindalco

Current Price: ₹241.5, Target Price: ₹248

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—Devangshu Datta
Gold traders expect rise in import duty

BULLION TRADERS in India, the world's largest consumer of gold, are expecting an import duty increase on precious metals in the February budget and that could keep demand strong in the months ahead.

"The many-fold rise in prices of precious metals may attract the attention of the decision-makers and also act as a rationale for any duty rise for the government," said Daman Prakash, ex-convenor, Tamil Nadu Bullion Forum.

In the 2010-11 (April-March) budget, the government raised the duty on imports of gold for the second time in succession to $300 per 10 gm from $200 earlier. On silver, the last budget imposed a new duty of $1,500 a quintal from $1,000 earlier. Gold prices in India have risen 23.7 per cent from $16,772 per 10 gm since the last budget was presented. On Wednesday, gold was trading at $20,741.

"The government has raised the duty twice, so why won't they do it again, the first import duty rise was a surprise and then came another one, so why not a third one," said an official with a private bank in Mumbai, which imports bullion.

"Some of the traders are buying, thinking there might be a duty hike this time as well," the official added. Finance ministry officials were not immediately available for comment.

Raising import duties again could spur imports through unofficial channels, said the head of All India Gems and Jewellery Trade Federation.
Govt to consider Mines Act amendments

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Across other metals, lead, zinc and aluminium all rallied to their highest since November. Lead hit its highest since November, before it was quoted at $2,520/2,521 in rings from $2,437.50, while zinc was seen at $3,378 from $3,299 a tonne. Aluminium climbed to $2,447/2,448 a tonne from $2,430. Stainless steel material nickel was also bid in rings at $24,285/24,290 a tonne. Tin was up at $26,900/27,000 on LMESelect.
Gold edges above $1,400

Gold notched up a second straight day of increases to near two-week highs on Wednesday, closing in on a tenth consecutive yearly gain as doubt re-emerged over the US economic outlook and weakened the dollar.

Spot gold edged up 0.1 per cent to $1,406.15 an ounce by 1448 GMT. US gold futures for February delivery were virtually unchanged on the day at $1,404.20.

Spot silver hit a three-week high of $30.52 an ounce, and was last at $30.46, still up 0.7 per cent on the day, led by a broad push higher across the commodities complex, with copper at record highs and crude oil steadying above $91 a barrel.

The gold-silver ratio, which reflects the number of ounces of silver needed to buy one ounce of gold, fell to a new four-year low of 46.6, compared with a 10-year average of 62.2.

Spot palladium reached a session peak of $792.50, its highest since March 2001, before trading at $789.18, up 0.5 per cent on the day.

Platinum was trading at $1,743.00, down 0.6 percent, but still near seven-week highs.

BULLION RATE

Mumbai: Silver (999 fineness) Rs 46,710 a kg; standard gold (99.5 per cent purity) Rs 20,615 a g; pure gold (99.9 per cent purity) Rs 20,720 for 10 g.

Chennai: Bar Silver Rs 46,095 a kg; retail silver Rs 49.30 a g; standard gold Rs 20,720 for 10 g; 22-carat retail ornament gold Rs 1,927 a g.
Rlys changes rules to curb illegal ore traffic

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The Railways has made it mandatory for consignors to have a written order and transit pass from authorities while transporting ores in rakes.

“We have tried to put a mechanism in place to prevent illegal transportation of ores in rail wagons across the country,” said a senior Railway Ministry official.

According to the latest notification, the Railways will accept orders for rakes from consignors through forwarding note duly authorised by the mining department.

“Only one rake would be made available on the basis of a forwarding note. Loading will be allowed only if the consignor submits to the Railways the requisite transit pass,” said the official.

Orissa had stopped the transportation of iron ores for nearly six months this year over the issue of illegal transportation of ores.
Russia's Norilsk to sell OGK-3 to InterRAO

Russian mining group Norilsk Nickel will sell a majority stake in loss-making utility OGK-3 to State-controlled InterRAO in an all shares deal, valued at $2.3 billion, both companies said on Wednesday. — Reuters
Govt meeting on Mines Act amendments today

NEW DELHI: The government is likely to consider on Thursday several amendments in the Mines Act, 1952, which are related to workers' health, safety and welfare. "The Union Cabinet would conduct a comprehensive review of the Mines Act 1952 for ensuring greater safety, health and welfare related affairs of the workers," an official said. "It is a general practice that miners compromise the safety of workers and realigning the Act to the present context is required," INTUC General Secretary Rajendra Singh said. He added that "we have made number of suggestions to Labour Ministry about safety, health and welfare of all type of mine workers."
Orissa project could get eco clearance soon

NEW DELHI: The 4,000 MW ultra mega power project in Orissa which has been delayed over environment clearances is likely to be cleared soon by the Ministry of Environment and Forests. “In the next 2-3 days we would be able to finalise the modalities (of the Orissa UMPP)...we are trying to sort it out soon,” Power Secretary P Uma Shankar said. The deadline for submitting the initial bids for the Bedabahal project in Orissa is January 30, 2011. If the necessary environment and forest clearance is granted, the bids would be closed in time. “We are hopeful that it (Orissa UMPP) would come online,” Shankar said. The project was allocated three coal blocks--Meenakshi, Meenakshi B and Dipside of Meenakshi. The Environment Ministry is likely to allow the power producer to extract coal from these mines with some amendment though.
पीएमएम भी कर
रहे अवैध खनन

पीएमएम ने रूसी सरकार से दिए 13 खनन इकाईयों को अवैध खनन में सहिष्णुता प्रदान की, उनमें आबादस्तात रूप से दो सरकारी क्षेत्र के उद्धरण भी शामिल हैं। सीनियर नेताओं के अनुसार, राष्ट्र सरकार खनन नियमों के उल्लंघन के लिए, अपने पीएमएम ओपनिंगों को खड़े कर दें।
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Open money laundering: Bhardwaj

BANGALORE: Firing a fresh salvo at the BJP government in Karnataka, Governor H R Bhardwaj on Wednesday said money laundering and tax evasion was happening "openly in the state".

"Now it is in the public domain. Openly money laundering is happening. Tax evasion is also happening. I have been writing about it," said Bhardwaj. He was responding to a query on alleged tax evasion by mining magnates Janardhana and Karmakara Reddy following Congress charge that Obulapuram Mining firm owned by them and their aide Minister B S Riramulu, evaded tax of more than Rs 86 crore.

On a complaint submitted to him by two city-based advocates seeking his sanction to prosecute CM B S Yoddyrappa and his two sons under the Anti-Corruption Act, he said "I have to study it. I have to read through it". ENS
Silver scales to touch record highs

Mumbai, Dec. 29: Gold prices continued to surge at the bullion market here on Wednesday on hectic buying by stockists and jewellers in tandem with a steep rise in the international level.

Silver flared up to hit a new record high, topping the ₹46,000 a kg mark on the back of frantic speculative buying amidst a huge rise in overseas.

Silver ready (999 fineness) shot up by ₹1,145 per kilo to close at ₹46,710 from Tuesday’s closing level of ₹45,565.

Standard gold (99.5 per cent purity) zoomed by ₹110 per 10 grams to end at ₹20,615 from ₹20,505 yesterday.

Pure gold (99.9 per cent purity) rose by ₹115 per 10 grams to finish at ₹20,720, as against 20,605 previously.

In New York, gold jumped on weakening dollar valuations against major currencies.

Silver for March delivery surged by $1.07 to $30.27 an ounce.

— PTI
राज्यपाल ने कर्नाटक की भाजपा सरकार पर फिर साधा निशाना

मंगल, 29 दिसंबर (पाया)। कर्नाटक की भाजपा सरकार के खिलाफ एक तीर और जोड़ते हुए, राज्यपाल जेनसूजा भारद्वाज ने सुधार को कहा कि धन सोधन व खर चोरी सरक भूलखा हो रहा है।

भारद्वाज ने संवाददाताओं से कहा कि वह अब सर्वजननीक सप्तद्वार करे हो रहा है। भूलखा धन सोधन हो रहा है। खर चोरी भी हो रही है।

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सिकायत में मृत्युजय शीफस वेडियुएर, उनके दो बेटों और निमितेश सहसोंगीयों के खिलाफ भाजपा निरोधक कांग्रेस के द्वारा शरणार्थी चलाने की उनसे मंजूरी मांगी गई है। इस बारे में भारद्वाज ने कहा भूलखा धन सोधन करना है।

दस्तावेजों के जवाब में हजार पेस पृष्ठ हैं। मैं उनका सम्बन्ध करता पड़ता है।

वेडियुएर का आरोप से राज्यपाल के प्रति अपने अभी में नतिमान और हर 15 दिन में उनसे मुलाकात कर उनकी सलाह लेने को बात कहे जाने के बारे में पूछने पर भारद्वाज ने कहा मृत्यु व्यवस्था के जवाब में इसके बारे में पता लाता हूँ।

मैं इस बार का स्वागत करूँ। हमारी अपना भी मुलाकात होती, यह जो चाहते हैं। राज्य को विचार फिरों दिया जाए। वेडियुएर का आरोप तो सत्य है कि वह इंदिरा गांधी के राज्य के सूचना सेवा को सबूतिकृत करने के लिए उन्हें अमरी करेंगे। इस बारे में भारद्वाज ने कहा वह मेरे संबंधित विधि है।

जब भी संयुक्त सत्ता पुरात्ता जाता है तो राज्यपाल को उस संबंधी करना ही पड़ता है। राज्यपाल ने कहा मैं अपना काम बुझा से कर रहा हूँ। आम आदमी योगी ने कहा से राजनीति में हूँ। मैं कांग्रेस व मामलों को नहीं तोड़ता। मैं राज्य का पुरुष और विधानसभा का अंग हूँ। मैं जब तक यहाँ हूँ, संसदों का सम्बन्ध करूँ।

मैं संविधान के उल्लंघन और कांग्रेस के राजस्त चुकाने को इसका नहीं दे सकता। मैं मंदी के पर पर भी काफी समय रह चुका हूँ। मैं हमेशा फार्स्ट हुआ और चैनी ही दिन कर चलाता हूँ।

मैं इसे एक साइट का मामला करूँ। राज्यपाल ने विषय उद्देश्य सम्बन्ध में कहा था (कर्नाटक में) शरणार्थी जोड़ते कोई समस्या नहीं है। भारद्वाज लगाता रहा निमित्त हम सरकार चेताते हैं।

इस से सुधार कार्य हो सकते हैं एक हिस्से में उन्हें कोर्ट कर कर देते हुए कहा वह विश्व के नेता को तरह व्यवहार कर सकता है।
विकास और पर्यावरण में चलती रही रस्साकाशी

पर्यावरण चिताएँ

बीती दीवान : वितरण संगठन की मंजूरी के बाद मंजूरी का खुला नहीं देखी जा सका। जब तक कुलकंप के बाद पर्यावरण संगठन ने मंजूरी दी

मंगलते हुए सहयोगी मंजूरी के बाद मंजूरी की करीबी ही दी गई क्योंकि भारत जयपुर में अपने-अपने नियामित झान : इंदिरा के कान्हाई में देवता की कस्बा जयपुर मंजूरी परियोजना पर लाना सकता है। पर्यावरण मंजूरी ने इंदिरा की कस्बा में प्रत्येक क्षेत्रीय सरकार की 12 अन्य लाइसेंस की परियोजना पर वित्तपोषण की लागत है।

लोकसत्ता : भारतीय की घर का सभा के लिए बन रही मूल ने वर्तमान और 600 मेंगान की इंदिरा के कान्हाई में करीबी रूपों के लिए बहुत सरकार ने उसी चक्र के अंतर्गत है।

जो प्रकट रहा है कि आजकल पर्यावरण का संरक्षण किस हद तक खत्म जाए तब तक यह कहाय विकास की गार में नाम न करने। हालांकि पर्यावरण संरक्षण की मित्रों को नकारात्मक तरह से तालुका बताने वाली मोबाइल के कान्हाई में वित्तपोषण देखें की लिए उच्चायंत्रिक परियोजना के बाद रूपों की धार कर किसी भी रहे।