



PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Sub: Amendment to the project proposal of M/s JSW Neo Energy Limited to establish a “Narihalla Pumped Storage Project Scheme (557 MW) with its associated Dedicated Transmission Line” at Taranagar Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District.

Read: 1. Government Order No. CI 349 SPI 2022, dated 28.11.2022.
2. Proceedings of the 65th State High Level Clearance Committee (SHLCC) meeting held on 28.05.2025.

Preamble:

The Project proposal of M/s JSW Neo Energy Limited was placed in the 60th State High Level Clearance Committee (SHLCC) meeting held on 22.10.2022 to establish a “Narihalla Pumped Storage Project Scheme (557 MW) with its associated Dedicated Transmission Line”, with an investment of Rs.2579.00 crore, generating employment to about 279 persons in 376 acres 32 Guntas Private/Forest/Govt. land at Taranagar Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District. Accordingly, Government Order read at (1) above was issued.

Status of Implementation:

1. Survey & Investigation:

- Detailed Topography Survey – Completed.

2. Environment Clearance:

- TOR received on 5th July 2023.
- Baseline Data Collected.
- EIA/EMP report under preparation.

3. Forest clearance:

- The primary reconnaissance survey report for the forest diversion has been prepared.
- FCA proposal submitted on 27.4.2023.
- PSC meeting held on 6.5.2023.

- EDS reply preparation is under process.

4. Detailed Project Report:

- FSR submitted on CEA on 15.03.2023.
- Comments on various chapters from CWC/CEA/GSI/CSMRS are being complied.
- Hydrology, Reservoir, power evacuation and transmission line chapters approved by CEA/CWC.

5. Water allocation:

The water availability study report has been submitted to KNNL, Govt. of Karnataka on 22.9.2023. Compliance to observations has also been submitted on 13.03.2024.

6. Private land Acquisition:

- Identification of land is completed.
- Aggregator to be appointed for land acquisition.

Now, The company, vide letter dated 01.10.2024, has requested approval for the following:

1. Extension of time by 2 year to implement the project.
2. Reduction of approved production capacity from 557 MW to 300 MW.
3. Transfer of approval from M/s JSW Neo Energy Limited to M/s JSW Energy PSP Three Limited.

Company has informed that various surveys and geo-technical investigation activities were started post receipt of Government Order for preparation of DPR. Drilling rigs to carry out exploratory drilling activities were mobilized in short time. However, the exploration drillings could not be continued due to certain forest ambiguities/restrictions. As a result of this, drilling activities had to be paused pending clarity/approval on the matter.

Further company has informed that Subsequent to MoEF & CC, Govt of India clarification dated 20.08.2024 regarding the matter, the State Forest Department gave a go ahead for exploration and survey (drilling) works on 29.08.2024 at the project. The drilling agency has now been re-mobilized to start drilling activities and carry out those site-specific tests.

Company had also made significant progress on our DPR preparation/ studies. Pre-DPR chapters, was submitted to the CEA (Central Electricity Authority) on March 16, 2023, for prior approval towards technical concurrence of the Project.

Company had two consultation meeting with CEA for finalization of Project Layout till date and four chapters are also being approved by them.

Further it is informed that project has undergone some changes in configuration purely due to technical reasons. The Project capacity had to be reduced from original 557 MW to 300 MW due to electro-mechanical machine related constraints, which came out during detailed technical due diligence/studies.

The new entity M/s JSW Energy PSP Three Limited, has received a Letter of Intent (LOI) on 29.03.2023 from Power Company of Karnataka Limited (PCKL) for the procurement of 2,400 MWh (300 MW x 8 hours) of energy storage from the Pumped Hydro Storage Project

The project has achieved critical milestone in getting NOC from Dept. of Mining for the project area. The approval from Railways' Hubli Head Quarter is also expected very soon for NOC towards crossing the existing Railway Track over the underground-proposed tunnel.

Citing above reasons company has requested approval for the amendments.

Recommendation of 117th LAC meeting:

The representative of the company appeared before the Committee and requested approval for extension of time, reduction in production capacity and transfer of approval.

The Committee noted the request of the company and after detailed discussions resolved to recommend to SHLCC for approval of the following:

1. Extension of time by 2 years to implement the project, with a condition that further extension of time will not be considered.
2. Reduction of approved production capacity of Pumped Storage project from 557 MW to 300 MW
3. Transfer of approval from M/s JSW Neo Energy Limited to M/s JSW Energy PSP Three Limited.

The amendment proposal of the company is placed in the 65th State High Level Clearance Committee (SHLCC) Meeting held on 28.05.2025 for discussion and decision. The Committee noted the details of the project proposal and after detailed discussion resolved to approve the proposal of M/s JSW Neo Energy Limited.

Government has examined the recommendations made by the 65th SHLCC Meeting, in all aspects.

Hence the following order:

GOVERNMENT ORDER No. CI 349 SPI 2022,
BENGALURU. DATE: 04.07.2025.

Government is pleased to accord approval for the following amendment proposal of M/s JSW Neo Energy Limited;

- *Extension of time by 2 years to implement the project, with a condition that further extension of time will not be considered.*
- *Reduction of approved production capacity of Pumped Storage project from 557 MW to 300 MW.*
- *Transfer of approval from M/s JSW Neo Energy Limited to M/s JSW Energy PSP Three Limited.*

All other terms and conditions indicated in the Government Order read at (1) above, remain unaltered.

By Order and in the name of the
Governor of Karnataka,

(SHILPA S.R.)

Desk Officer (Technical Cell),
Commerce & Industries Department.

To,

1. Principal Accountant General (G&SSA)/ (E&RSA), Karnataka, New Building, 'Audit Bhawan', Post Box No. 5398, Bengaluru.
2. Principal Accountant General (A&E), Karnataka, Park House Road, Post Box No. 5329, Bengaluru.
3. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Energy Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru.
4. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Water Resource Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru.
5. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, M.S. Building, Bengaluru.

6. Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, M.S. Building, Bengaluru.
7. Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
8. Secretary to Government, ITBT & ST Department, MS Building, Bengaluru.
9. Secretary to Government, Commerce & Industries Department (Mines, Textile & MSME), Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru.
10. Commissioner for Industrial Development and Director of Industries and Commerce, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru.
11. Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Vanijya Therige Karyalaya, Gandhi Nagar, Bengaluru-09.
12. Managing Director, GESCOM, Kalaburagi.
13. Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), 49, Church Street, Parisara Bhavan, Bengaluru.
14. Chief Executive Officer & Executive Member, Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru.
15. Director (Technical Cell), Commerce & Industries Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru.
16. Additional Director (P&P), Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru.
17. Managing Director, Karnataka Udyog Mitra (KUM), Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru.
18. PS to Hon'ble Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
19. PS to Principal Secretary to Government, Commerce & Industries Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru.
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