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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCE

RESOLUTION

The 25th January, 2023

Subject: Waiver of interest on water rate bill dues of Rourkela Steel Plant (SAIL) for the period from 26.09.1994 to 31.03.2013.

- A.** Rourkela Steel Plant (SAIL), Rourkela, the erstwhile Hindustan Steel Ltd. (HSL) and the first public sector Steel Plant in independent India with German collaboration, availed permission from Government of Odisha for drawal of water from River Koel and River Brahmani.
- B.** RSP, Rourkela has constructed Mandira dam over River Sankh during fifties and sustained its Operation & Maintenance over these years. Apart from meeting the demand of industry, the release of water from Mandira dam also contributes to the riparian rights of the people living downstream of the river Brahmani during the lean season/scarcity period.
- C.** The arrear water rate dues of RSP Rourkela, as calculated for the period from 26.09.1994 to 31.03.2013 included the principal and interest amount respectively of Rs. 71,46,10,756.00 (Seventy one crore forty six lakh ten thousand seven hundred fifty six) only and Rs.220,67,78,852.00 (Rupees two hundred twenty crore sixty seven lakh seventy eight thousand eight hundred fifty two) only.
- D.** While paying the principal amount of Rs. 71,46,10,756 (Seventy one crore forty six lakh ten thousand seven hundred fifty six) only and having now withdrawn all the cases, RSP applied for waiver of interest amount of Rs.220,67,78,852.00 (Rupees two hundred twenty crore sixty seven lakh seventy eight thousand eight hundred fifty two) only.

- E.** The State Government felt it necessary to resolve this issue of RSP, Rourkela especially since it had constructed Mandira Dam and has sustained its Operation & Maintenance over these years.
- F.** The State Cabinet, in their 53rd meeting held on 27.12.2022, accorded approval to the waiver of interest towards Water rate dues of Rourkela Steel Plant (SAIL), Rourkela amounting to Rs.220,67,78,852.00 (Rupees two hundred twenty crore sixty seven lakh seventy eight thousand eight hundred fifty two) only. This shall, however, not be taken as precedent for other State and Central PSUs.

This has been concurred in by the Finance Department in OSWAS File No.-FIN-WF2-MISC-0087-2022)

This Resolution shall come into force from the date of issue. This resolution has been issued in supersession of this office Letter No.2123/WR dated 24.01.2023.

ORDER

Ordered that this Resolution be published in an extraordinary issue of Odisha *Gazette*.

By Order of the Governor
ANU GARG

Additional Chief Secretary to Government