

Sl. No	Clearances/Approvals/Permits	Central/State	Issuing Authority	Timelines*	Category	Suggestion for Simplification
1	Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with State Govt.	State	Developer & State Govt.	1-2 years	Necessary Clearance	
2	Land Acquisition and R&R (Private, Forest, Govt. land, tribal/OBC land)	State	Local Gram Panchayat and Private owners, Industry department of concerned State Govt., CCF & State Govt.		Necessary Clearance but Process can be simplified	Updated land records, digitized maps to be made available online. Application for acquisition under LARR Act to be made online. Timelines for various stages to be pre-defined.
3	Grant of Coal Linkage	Central	Standing Linkage Committee		Necessary Clearance but Process can be simplified and pre-approval mechanism can be put in place	This is dependent on the Project Progress. However it is a mandatory requirement for multiple clearances. Provisional Comfort Letter to be provided during signing of an MoU to enable faster clearance & can be subsequently converted into agreement
4	Permission for Railway siding	Central	Ministry of Railways		Necessary Clearance	

5	<b>Forest Clearance</b> <b>a. FC Stage I</b> <b>b. FRA</b> <b>c. EAC</b> <b>d. FC Stage II</b>	Central	MOEF		<b>Necessary Clearance but Process can be simplified</b>	<p>The documents required during online submission should be clearly listed, and central/state wise database to be made available where land for CA is available -</p> <p>Requirement of NOC from the district administration for such purposes should not be required.  NOC from other state departments should not be the concern from the Forest land diversion point of view, as these NoCs are also required for other approvals such as EC, TEC,IA, and land acquisition Clear guidelines on the scope of Nodal officer and FAC should be there.</p>
6	<b>ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCE</b> <b>a. Approval of TOR</b> <b>b. EIA/EMP</b> <b>C. Public Hearing</b> <b>d. EAC</b>	Central	MoEF	2 years	<b>Necessary Clearance but Process can be simplified</b>	<p>Conditions like coal availability as a pre-condition and grant of coal linkage/auction based on the investment made in the project are contradictory since without EC investment can not be done in the project. EC could be given on approximate parameters of coal whether domestic or imported and the decision should be binding.</p> <p>In the recently developed online process, timelines are there for all the activities uptill the presentation to EAC. Timelines for release of minutes and the issue of letter should also be prescribed.</p>
7	<b>Consent to establish</b>	State	SPCB	3 months	<b>Should be made irrelevant</b>	<b>This should be a part of EC and the same conditions can be included in EC compliance</b>

8	Clearances for the height of any chimneys, cooling towers etc..	Central	Civil Aviation Dept.	1-2 years	Necessary Clearance but Process can be simplified	Airport authority should publish pre-approved heights in the proximity of the airport so that the plant layout can be frozen accordingly. This can be confirmed before the EC only so that the process does not become redundant. In case of structures, which are taller than allowable heights, NoC can be requested
9	Defense Clearance	Central	Ministry of Defense	2 years	Should be made irrelevant	
10	Fuel transport agreement/RTC	Central	Ministry of Railways/Ports/Roads		Necessary Clearance but Process can be simplified	DPR study and RTC should be a part of clearance. There should be a tripartite agreement between buyer, seller and the transporter
11	<b>NOC for Construction &amp; occupation</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Gram Panchayat</b>		<b>Should be made irrelevant</b>	<b>Should be a part of EC. It can be addressed during public hearing</b>
12	Approval from Transmission utility for grant of connectivity and LToA	Central	Central Transmission Utility	2 years	Necessary Clearance but Process can be simplified	Connectivity and LToA should be clubbed together. There should be an arrangement wherein the proponent should also be given opportunity to be heard wherein projects get stalled due to external factors.
13	Construction Power Approval	State	State Electricity Distribution Co.	6 months	Necessary Clearance	
14	Water Allocation & Agreement	State	WRD	1-2 years	Necessary Clearance but Process can be simplified	Online information on available quantity for allocation based on studies to be made available for transparency and helping companies deciding upon the location. It would also help in avoiding issues at an advanced stage of development.

15	<b>Approval of Rain Water Harvesting Scheme</b>	State	WRD	6 months	Should be made irrelevant	Included in EC preparation
16	Approval for water intake system design	State	WRD	6 months	Necessary Clearance	
17	Construction Water Approval	Central	Central Water Commission	6 months	Necessary Clearance	Should be part of water linkage approval
18	Raw Water Intake Pipe Line - Right Of Way	State	Land Owners	6-12 months	Necessary Clearance	
19	Power Evacuation Line - Right of Way	State	Land Owners	6-12 months	Necessary Clearance	
20	Construction Power Line - Right of Way	State	Land Owners	6-12 months	Necessary Clearance	
21	Conversion of land use to non-agriculture purposes	Local	DC Office	6-12 months	Necessary Clearance but Process can be simplified	To be done during the time of possession itself. Should be made a part of Possession certificate
22	<b>NoC for storage of explosives and petroleum products</b>	Regional	Chief Controller of Explosives	6-9 months	Should be made irrelevant	Should be made guidelines and Compliance to be monitored
23	<b>Clearance for Lifts &amp; cranes</b>	State	Inspector of Lift, State Govt	6-9 months		
24	<b>Approval for Electrical Layout &amp; for operation before commissioning.</b>	State	Electrical Inspectorate	6-9 months		
25	<b>Approval and registration of steam generator and allied pressure parts as per Indian Boiler Regulation</b>	State	Chief Inspectorate of Boilers	6-9 months		
26	<b>Approval of Storm water drainage design</b>	State	Municipal corporation	6-9 months		

27	Approval of weigh bridge and weigh scales	State	Inspector of Weights and Measures	6-9 months		
28	Grant of Approval/Licence/permit under Gas Cylinder Rules, 1981 for handling and transport of compressed gases	State		6-9 months		
29	Approval for water intake system Construction	State	WRD	6-9 months	Necessary Clearance	
30	CEIG Clearance	Central	Chief Electrical Inspector to Govt.	3-6 months	Necessary Clearance	
31	Consent under the Factories Act, 1948, relating to firefighting capability	State	Directorate of Town and Planning of State Government	6-9 months	Necessary Clearance	
32	Consent of relevant Panchayat for the development of the project site and township	State	Directorate of Town Planning	1 year	Should be made irrelevant	
33	Water front clearance for coastal power project for jetty, coal logistics & CW intake & out fall	State	Concerned Maritime board.		Necessary Clearance	
34	Coastal Regulatory Zone (CRZ)	Central/State	MoEF and State Coastal Zone Management Authority	1-2 years	Necessary Clearance but Process can be simplified	Should be part of EC
35	Commissioning & COD certification	State	State Electricity Board	6 months	Necessary Clearance	

36	<b>Approval of Effluent &amp; Sewage Treatment Scheme</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>State Pollution Control Board</b>		<b>Should be made irrelevant</b>	<b>Should be guidelines and the adherence should be mandatory</b>
37	<b>Clearance for transportation of heavy material machinery on roads / bridge / C/S</b>	<b>Central / State</b>	<b>Ministry of Surface Transport</b>			
38	Consent to operate	State	SPCB		Necessry Clearance	
39	<b>Renewal of License to Work the Factory</b>	<b>Central / State</b>	<b>Factory Inspector</b>		<b>Necessary Clearance</b>	
40	<b>Approval of weigh bridge and weigh scales</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Inspector of Weights and Measures</b>	<b>3 months</b>		
41	<b>Renewal of License to possess sale and use of explosives/fireworks</b>		<b>Chief Controller of Explosives</b>			
42	<b>Grant of approval/Renewal of License/per:mit under Gas Cylinders Rules, 1981</b>	<b>central/state</b>	<b>Chief Controller of Explosives</b>			
43	<b>Renewal of License to store petroleum in bulk in installation</b>	<b>central/state</b>	<b>Chief Controller of Explosives</b>			
44	<b>Renewal of License For Diesel Dispensing Units</b>	<b>central/state</b>	<b>Chief Controller of Explosives</b>			
45	<b>Hazardous Material collection, storage and disposal</b>	<b>central/state</b>	<b>SPCB</b>		<b>Should be made irrelevant</b>	

46	<b>Testing of Pressure Vessels and Boilers (depends on Number of Boilers and Pressure Vessels)</b>	central/state	Factory Inspector	
47	<b>Submission Lead Battery Returns</b>	central/state	SPCB	
48	<b>Electricity safety clearances for Turbine Generators and Switch Yards</b>	central/state	Chief Electrical Inspector to Govt.	
49	<b>NOC For DG Sets</b>	central/state	Chief Electrical Inspector to Govt.	
50	<b>Review the frequency used for Power Line Carrier Communication (PLCC) system to ensure no interference with other power line users</b>	central	Postal Tele communication Coordination Committee (PTCC)	