

# **Chhattisgarh: Industrial Jungle**

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## Chhattisgarh industries: A glance

- About 200 large industrial units are present in Chhattisgarh and scores of small units
- Over 200 mining projects
- Present industries include iron and steel plants, sponge iron, cement, thermal power plants, mines, etc.
- 700 plants to come up in the state



#### The Rush

 Seventy six projects have been cleared in the state by the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) since 2007

Thermal power plants	14
Mining	26
Cement plants	7
Steel plants	22
Other industries	3
Miscellaneous	4
TOTAL	76



#### The Rush

 138 have been granted Terms of Reference (ToR) by MoEF

Thermal power plants	42
Biomass based thermal power plants	4
Mining	39
Steel plants	36
Cement plants	4
Sponge iron	7
Other industries	6
TOTAL	138



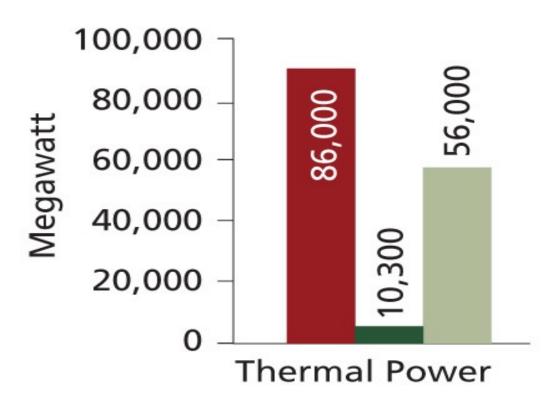
#### The Rush

- The state government has signed 115 MoUs with proposed investment of Rs. 1,76,193 crore
- Each MoU is a group of projects taking the total to 543 projects
- Total 745 projects are planned in Chhattisgarh: which include those granted clearance, those granted ToRs and those for which MoUs have been signed



- Present coal based thermal power capacity in the state is 12 per cent of the country's current coal based power capacity
- Plans to add 65 per cent of India's current coal based power capacity



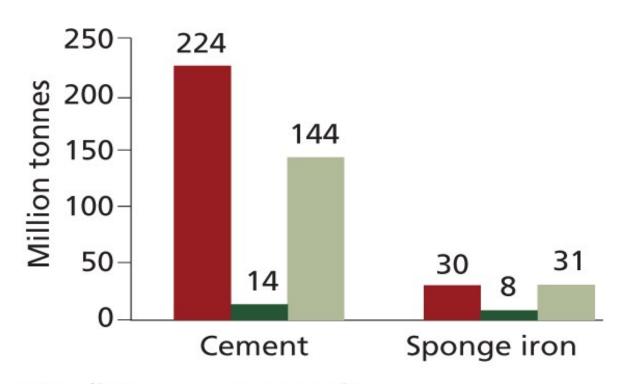


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- Chhattisgarh's present capacity
- Chhattisgarh's proposed capacity addition



- The present sponge iron capacity in Chhattisgarh is 7 per cent of India's present capacity
- The state's planned sponge iron capacity will equal India's present capacity
- Chhattisgarh also has India's 6 per cent cement capacity at present
- Plans to add cement capacity equalling 51 per cent of India's present capacity





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## Resource requirement

- Annual water requirement of all the 745 projects is estimated at 3,000 mcm
- Quantity sufficient to meet the domestic water requirements of 274 million people – 13 times the population of Chhattisgarh
- Land requirement is 1,15,000 hectare (ha)
- Coal requirement for the thermal power capacity addition will be 311 MTPA



#### **Thermal Power**

- About two-thirds of the planned coal based thermal power capacity is in just two districts – Raigarh and Janjgir-Champa
- Raigarh will have 37 per cent of this planned capacity and Janjgir will get 34 per cent of it



## Janjgir-Champa

- Present coal based thermal capacity 121 MW
- Planned capacity 19,000 MW
- Four thermal power plants cleared and 13 are in pipeline
- Fourteen MoUs for 62 project signed by the state government for Janjgir-Champa worth Rs. 22,586 crore – twelve of these are thermal power plants



## Janjgir-Champa

- Estimated land requirement for these 62 projects -13,000 ha
- Water requirement estimated at 700 million cubic metre (mcm) per year. Thermal plants alone will draw 660 mcm of water
- Dabhra block is a special case with 9 planned thermal power plants within a radius of 10 kilometres (km)

- Raigarh has 53 large and 37 small industrial plants at present
- Present coal based thermal power capacity 1,420 MW
- Planned power capacity over 20,000 MW
- Fourteen power plants are in the cleared or pipeline stage
- MoUs have been signed with 28 companies for 188 projects with an investment of Rs. 61,494 crore – 30 are for thermal power plants

- Estimated land requirement for all the planned projects in the district is about 30,000 ha
- Water requirement is estimated at 980 mcm per year. Thermal plants alone will draw 700 mcm



## Land: acquisition and compensation

- Land acquired through the government or through private negotiations with land owners
- Government process based on classifying agricultural land as single crop, double crop or barren. Compensation dependent on the category
- Compensation rates revised in March: Rs. 10 lakh per acre (0.4 ha) for double crop irrigated, Rs. 8 lakh an acre for single crop un-irrigated land and Rs. 6 lakh an acre for barren land.



#### **Land: Forests**

- About 13,000 ha of forestland has been diverted to industry in Chhattisgarh since 2000
- Of this, 97 per cent for mining
- Proposals for diversion of another 13,000 ha of forestland are pending
- Another 7,000 ha of forestland has ongoing mineral prospecting



## Mahanadi in peril

- Of the 118 projects, with available data on water sourcing, 33 plan to withdraw water from the Mahanadi – 1,500 mcm per year
- Thermal power plants will withdraw 1,500 mcm every year from the river
- Water withdrawal will go up to 2,700 mcm if sourcing from Mahanadi's tributaries – Hasdeo, Lilagarh and Seonath, is added



### Mahanadi in peril

- Total water withdrawal from Mahanadi (including existing projects): 3,700 mcm
- Dependable water availability in the Mahanadi over the last 10 years - an average of 1,528 mcm (measured at Kasdol)
- With industry set to withdraw 3,700 mcm, water budget likely to be in deficit



## **Cumulative impact**

- Cumulative assessment of this industrialisation is imperative
- For example, Dabhra block has 9,000 MW of planned thermal power capacity
- A thermal power plant on an average generates about 300 kilogram (kg) of flyash and 3kg of Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM) per mega Watt hour of generation
- The nine power plants put together will generate about 21 million tonnes of flyash and 0.2 million tonnes of SPM



## **Cumulative impact**

- As per the Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index (CEPI), Korba is the fifth most polluted district in the country
- Raipur and Bhilai-Durg are also severely polluted
- New projects on hold for these districts
- Does Chhattisgarh have a method in place to assess such cumulative impact and address critical pollution levels?