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FGD rule relaxation to cut electricity cost by 25–30 paise a unit

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4.	The Economic Times	SO2 emission norms for coal power plants eased	Mumbai + 2	3
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10.	The Financial Express	Govt eases sulphur emission rules for coal plants.	Ahmedabad	3
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13.	The Times of India	Delhi 2nd most polluted city this yr, has breached annual safety norms already	Delhi	08
14.	Hindustan Times	Ministry supports revised SO2 emission norms, slams critics	Delhi + 2	13
15.	Hindustan Times	POWER COSTS MAY DECLINE AS CENTRE EASES EMISSION NORMS	Chandigarh	9
16.	The Indian Express	Environment Ministry defends revised framework for thermal plants to meet SO2 emission norms	Chandigarh + 3	17
17.	The Indian Express	Ministry defends revised framework for SO2 emission norms	Kolkata	5
18.	The Indian Express	Centre again relaxes SO2 emission norms for coal plants	Kolkata + 1	04
19.	The Hindu	Centre defends new coal plant rules, calls them cost-effective	Mumbai + 3	12
20.	The Hindu	Smoke and sulphur	Delhi + 5	6

21.	The Hindu	Centre relaxes pollution control norm for thermal power plants	Hyderabad + 2	1
22.	The Hindu	78% of thermal plants need not install key anti-polluting systems	Kochi	08
23.	The Hindu	Centre exempts 78% of thermal plants from installing key anti-polluting systems	Delhi + 2	1,7
24.	The Tribune	Anti-polluting system exemption to thermal plants based on proof Govt	Chandigarh + 1	9
25.	Daily Thanthi Next	Centre: SO2 norms relaxation misinterpreted	Chennai	6
26.	Free Press Journal	A smarter, cheaper path to clean air and affordable power	Mumbai	12
27.	Free Press Journal	FGD rule relaxation to cut electricity cost by 25-30 paise a unit	Mumbai	10
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29.	Millenniumpost	Jairam Ramesh slams govt after it eases SO2 emission norms	Delhi	5
30.	Millenniumpost	Government eases sulphur dioxide emission norms, exempts large number of coal plants	Delhi	2
31.	Political & Business Daily	Centre eases FGD norms for power plants, electricity costs to come down	Bhubaneswar	8
32.	The Statesman	FGD requirements for coal-fired plants eased	Delhi + 1	1,10
33.	The Statesman	Govt relaxes FGD rules for power plants; to bring down power costs	Delhi + 1	10
34.	The Daily Guardian	CENTRE RELAXES FGD RULE, ELECTRICITY COST TO REDUCE BY 25-30 PAISE A UNIT	Delhi	7
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Relaxing Sulphur Emission Rules may Cut Electricity Cost

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FGD Rule Relaxation to Reduce Electricity Cost by 25-30p a Unit

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SO₂ Emission Norms for Coal Power Plants Eased

Our Bureau

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SO₂ emission norms for coal power plants eased

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, 13 July

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Power costs may decline as emissions norm eased

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Power costs may decline as emissions norm eased

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NEW DELHI

The government has relaxed the universal implementation of flue-gas desulphurization (FGD) systems at coal power plants across the country, in a move that is likely to lower electricity prices.

A 12 July notification from the Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change (MoEF&CC) said thermal power plants outside a 10km radius of cities with a population of 1 million or more will be excluded from the requirement to install the system.

Flue gas, a residue from thermal power plants, emits sulphur dioxide (SO₂), which can mix in the atmosphere and create secondary particulate matter, an air pollutant.

While plants in the National Capital Region (NCR) and other cities with at least 1 million population will have to comply with the norm, for those within 10km radius of critically polluted areas or non-attainment cities, the need for FGD installation will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Plants exempted from the requirement to install FGD systems account for nearly 79% of the overall 180 operational power plants in the country.

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FGD rule easing to cut electricity cost by 25-30 paise per unit

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Govt eases sulphur emission rules for coal power plants

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REUTERS

New Delhi, July 12

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the notification said.

The balance of 10% of the coal-fired power plants closer to New Delhi and other cities with a million-plus population will be required to install the desulphurisation equipment by December 2027, according to the new mandate.

The notification comes after state-run NTPC, India's top electricity producer, spent about \$4 billion on installing the equipment at about 11% of the power plants, and about 50% of the units either placed orders for the desulphurisation systems or are installing them.

The Friday notification did not mention the impact on the competitiveness or recovery of costs by these power plants.

It said the decision was taken after the Central Pollution Control Board carried out a detailed analysis of the increase in "carbon dioxide emission into the atmosphere due to operation of control measures being deployed".

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Govt eases sulphur emission rules for coal plants

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Tweak in sulphur norms will cut electricity costs

The earlier norms have now been made location-specific.
The revision in norms will help gencos financially



CAPITAL IDEAS.



RICHHA MISHRA

The dictum “No-one-size-fits-all” is true in the energy and environment space, and after much arguments, the policy makers seem to have acknowledged it.

On July 11, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) came out with a notification which eased sulphur emission rules for most coal-fired power plants. This move is expected to cut electricity costs by 25-30 paise per unit.

The sulphur dioxide emission standards were brought out by the Ministry on December 7, 2015, for coal and lignite based thermal power plants. It also prescribed certain timelines, which were amended from time to time.

Flue Gas Desulfurisation (FGD) is a process used to remove SO₂ from the flue gas produced when burning fossil fuels such as coal or oil or natural gas. Since April last year, debates and discussions have been taking place between the Ministries of Environment and Power over the relevance of FGDs to control sulphur dioxide emissions from coal-fired thermal power plants.

Section 7 of the Electricity Act 2003 prescribes that any generating company can establish, operate and maintain a generating station without obtaining a licence under the Act, if it complies with the technical standards relating to connectivity with the grid referred to in clause (b) of Section 73 of the Act.

However, all thermal power plants are required to comply with the emission

norms as notified by the Environment Ministry and the directions given by CPCB from time to time.

The Environment Ministry notification of December 2015, which was last amended in December 2024 stipulated stack emission norms (including for Particulate Matter (PM) and Sulphur Di-oxide (SO₂)) based on the age of the plant, timelines for compliance based on the categorisation of these TPPs based on location, and Environmental Compensation, in case of non-compliance.

The government has split the thermal power plants into three different categories:

Category A: Within 10 km radius of National Capital Region or cities having million plus population;

Category B: Within 10 km radius of Critically Polluted Areas declared by CPCB2 or Non-attainment cities under the National Clean Air Program;

Category C: Other than those included in category A and B.

CALL FOR EASING NORMS

In its latest notification, the Environment Ministry has said that it received many representations regarding exemption or relaxation in timelines of these emission standards due to limited availability of technology

Several studies were conducted by research institutions regarding effectiveness and rationale behind these standards and their role in overall ambient air pollution of the region

providers, its techno-economic feasibility, negative impact of Covid pandemic on supply chain, price escalation due to high demand and low supplies, low sulphur dioxide concentration in ambient air and the heavy burden on consumer due to increase in electricity tariffs, etc.

It also said that explicit recommendation of the Power Ministry was received in this regard.

The Environment Ministry also noted that several studies were conducted by research institutions regarding effectiveness and rationale behind these standards and their role in overall ambient air pollution of the region.

A committee in the Central Pollution Control Board was constituted to examine the issue, assess the available study reports, other relevant materials and other related factors and make a recommendation on the applicability of these standards and its timeline, it said.

The three different studies were done by IIT Delhi, CSIR-NEERI and National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) at Bengaluru, respectively. All these studies were conducted independently and were commissioned by different government departments.

The key common point in these three scientific studies is that, fitment of FGDs in all TPPs in India is not necessary to comply with the NAAQ standards whose compliance is directly related to public health.

REMOVING UNCERTAINTY

Clearly, the Ministry wants to remove the uncertainty over FGDs in the minds of the industry without causing any harm to public health. On the other hand, the Ministry has not made any change in the stack emission standards for PM pollution since it is the key

concern for public health. Further, the Ministry has also mandated that all plants in Category A must comply with the SO₂ emission standards by December 31, 2027 while plants in Category B must comply by December 31, 2028 unless they are granted specific exemption by the Ministry.

According to R Srikanth, Professor & Dean of School of Natural Sciences & Engineering, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, and co-author of the NIAS study, “Indigenous High-efficiency Electrostatic Precipitators (ESPs) have been successfully retrofitted even in thermal power plants with space constraints and have demonstrated their capability to achieve the above stack emission standards for PM.

“Therefore, PM pollution control in plants must be prioritised by retrofitting High-efficiency ESPs in all 537 existing thermal power plants to comply with the PM stack emission norms within the next two years.”

On the other hand, the installation of FGDs indiscriminately in 537 existing plants has a significant impact on global warming by removing coolant sulphate aerosols which mask global warming (as per the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change issued in 2021) besides increasing freshwater consumption in inland plants. This will impact our climate commitments and reduce water security while imposing significant capital investments leading to tariff hikes for electricity customers.

Critics say the earlier decision was a hurried one. A lesson from this is that before in policy decision is taken, there is a need to have proper scientific studies covering various parts of the country followed by stakeholder consultation.

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CENTRE RELAXES FGD RULE, ELECTRICITY COST TO REDUCE BY 25-30 PAISE A UNIT

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Industry executives welcomed the decision. "This is a rational, science-based move that avoids unnecessary costs and focuses regulation where it is most needed," said a senior executive

at a leading public sector utility. "More importantly, it will help keep electricity affordable."

Officials stressed that the government remains committed to environmental protection, but with a smarter lens. "This is not a rollback. It is a recalibration based on evidence," said a senior government official. "Our approach is now targeted, efficient and climate-conscious."

An affidavit incorporating these findings will be submitted shortly to the Supreme Court in the MC Mehta vs Union of India case, where FGD enforcement timelines have been under judicial scrutiny.

ICP Keshari, Director General of Power Producers Association (PPA), hailed the decision as "good and consumer-centric".

The move will benefit power plants based on domestic coal, he said. Indian coal, he said, does not have any big sulfur oxides (SO_x) emission problem and it is only the particulate matter, which is of concern.

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Delhi 2nd most polluted city this yr, has breached annual safety norms already

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TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi, which ranked as India's second most polluted city with PM2.5 levels averaging 87 micrograms per cubic metre in the first half of 2025, crossed the WHO annual PM2.5 limit as early as Jan 10, and surpassed the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) by June 5.

Due to this, Delhi will remain in violation of both standards for the remainder of the year, regardless of subsequent pollution trends, says a new report by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA).

The "overshoot day" is defined as a day when the average pollution levels preceding that

day are so high that even a 0.1 g/m³ daily concentration of the pollutant for the remaining days of the year would ensure non-compliance of the city to the prescribed annual standard or guideline. CREA, which analysed air quality across India for Jan to June, stated that by June, 259 out of 293 cities (over 88%) had already overshoot the WHO's annual PM2.5 standard, indicating that non-compliance is widespread and not limited to a few hotspots.

The analysis identifies Bynihat, on the Assam-Meghalaya border, as the most polluted city in the country during the first half of 2025, with an average PM2.5 concentration of

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133 micrograms per cubic metre. Delhi ranked second as the most polluted city with PM2.5 levels at 87 micrograms per cubic metre. "Delhi air pollution is not just from vehicles or seasonal biomass burning, but also from year-round emissions across sectors. Yet, enforcement remains uneven. For example, despite Supreme Court directives, most thermal po-

wer plants near Delhi still lack Flue Gas Desulfurization (FGD) systems. As of mid-2025, only two of eleven plants within 300 km have operational FGDs. Such enforcement gaps undermine vehicle policy gains and leave major sources largely unchecked," said Manoj Kumar, analyst at CREA.

In terms of average PM2.5, most days in Delhi were in the moderate category (63), followed by the satisfactory category (52), poor category (31), very poor category (29), and both severe and good categories on three days each. Other cities in the top 10 most polluted list include Hajipur, Ghaziabad, Gurgaon, Sasaram, Patna, Talcher, Rourkela, and Rajgir.

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Ministry supports revised SO₂ emission norms, slams critics

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NEW DELHI: The government on Monday defended its recent move to ease sulphur dioxide (SO₂) emission norms for thermal power plants, saying the decision was based on detailed scientific studies and stakeholder consultations, and that media reports terming the move a "regulatory dilution" have "grossly misinterpreted" the notification.

The statement came days after the Union environment ministry on July 11 extended deadlines and exempted a large number of coal plants from installing flue gas desulphurisation units.

"The media reports misrepresent both the scientific evidence and the environmental policy rationale underlying the revised notification," the ministry said in its statement on Monday.

It said the revised norms were framed after "extensive consultations with stakeholders and research institutions regarding the effectiveness and rationale behind stack emission standards for SO₂ on 537 TPPs throughout the country, and its role in overall ambient air pollution of the region."

Further, the ministry said sulfate aerosols from SO₂ constitute a relatively small fraction of PM_{2.5}, suggesting that was not a major public health issue, as suggested by environmental groups.

Responding to criticism over the rollback of deadlines and

THE MINISTRY ALSO REJECTED SUGGESTIONS THAT NAAQS FOR SO₂, LAST REVISED IN 2009, ARE OUTDATED

exemptions for Category C plants, which make up the bulk of India's coal fleet, the ministry said. "The media reports misrepresent both the scientific evidence and the environmental policy rationale underlying the revised notification. Contrary to claims of regulatory dilution, the ministry's decision represents a rational, evidence-based recalibration anchored in current ambient air quality data, sectoral emission trends and broader sustainability imperatives."

The ministry also rejected suggestions that the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for SO₂, last revised in 2009, are outdated.

India established stringent sulphur dioxide emission standards for coal-based power plants in December 2015, requiring compliance within two years.

Even after four extensions, most of coal-fired power plants have not yet installed flue gas desulphurisation units to control SO₂ emissions, a major air pollutant that converts into fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and causes a

range of diseases.

Emissions that lead to high concentrations of SO₂ generally also lead to the formation of other SO_x. The largest sources of SO₂ emissions are from fossil fuel combustion at power plants and other industrial facilities, EPA has said.

Following the July 11 notification, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray reached out to Union environment minister Bhupender Yadav and said that the notification has diluted the existing norms.

"The notification dilutes the 2015 notification issued by the government to install flue gas desulphurization (FGD) units for all coal plants. I am sure you are aware that FGD units are critical because they remove sulphur dioxide from the air—a major pollutant and a health hazard. Installing FGD units can help avoid up to 48,000 deaths annually in India," the Shiv Sena (UBT) leader said in his letter.

Meeting SO₂ norms requires the installation of Flue Gas Desulphurisation (FGD) systems, which remove sulphur compounds from fossil fuel emissions.

"...repeated delays in implementing emission standards for coal-based power plants since 2017 have hindered progress toward cleaner air. Exempting category C plants from SO₂ controls will severely undermine efforts to achieve clean air across the country," said Envirocatalysts founder and lead analyst Sunil Dahiya.

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POWER COSTS
MAY DECLINE AS
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EMISSION NORMS**Rituraj Baruah**

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NEW DELHI: The government has relaxed the universal implementation of flue-gas desulphurisation (FGD) systems at coal power plants across the country, in a move that is likely to lower electricity prices.

A 12 July-notification from the Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change (MoEF&CC) said thermal power plants outside a 10km radius of cities with a population of 1 million or more will be excluded from the requirement to install the system.

Flue gas, a residue from thermal power plants, emits sulphur dioxide (SO₂), which can mix in the atmosphere and create secondary particulate matter, an air pollutant.

While plants in the National Capital Region (NCR) and other cities with at least 1 million population will have to comply with the norm, for those within 10km radius of critically polluted areas or non-attainment cities, the need for FGD installation will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the Centre based on recommendations of the expert appraisal committee in charge of thermal power projects.

"The sulphur dioxide emission standards shall not be applicable to all Category C thermal power plants subject to ensuring compliance of stack height criteria notified vide notification number GSR 742 (E), dated the 30th August, 1990," said the notification referring to the plants outside the radius of 10km of cities with 1 million population.

These plants, which are exempted from the requirement to install FGD systems, account for nearly 79% of the overall 180 operational power plants in the country.

Plants within a 10km radius of the NCR or cities with a population of 1 million initially had to install FGD systems by 2017 but have been given multiple extensions. Now, they need to comply by 2027-end.

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Environment Ministry defends revised framework for thermal plants to meet SO₂ emission norms

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Environment Ministry defends revised framework for thermal plants to meet SO₂ emission norms

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categories, based on the location of the plants.

In the July 11 notification, the ministry said the compliance deadline for Category A plants, located within a 10-km radius of the Delhi-NCR or cities with a population of more than one million, remains December 2027.

Category B plants, located within 10 km of critically polluted areas or cities not in compliance with national ambient air quality standards, will be assessed on a case to case basis based on recommendations of an expert appraisal committee. Category C plants, located outside of these two areas, will be completely exempted from meeting the SO₂ norms. However, they will have to comply with stack height criteria.

The ministry notification said that thermal power plants due to retire before December 2030 shall not be required to meet the SO₂ emission norms, provided they submit an undertaking for exemption. A compensation at the rate of Rs 0.40 per unit of electricity generated would be levied if they continue to operate beyond the 2030 timeline.

Out of the 600 units of coal fired power plants, 537 were identified for installation of flue-gas desulphurization (FGD) technology, to curb SO₂ emissions.

The ministry said in a detailed note as per rough estimates, ₹2.54 lakh crore would be needed for nationwide retrofitting of coal-based capacity with FGD devices to meet SO₂ emission norms.

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The July 11 order said plants in category A, located within 10 kms of the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) or cities with a million plus population have to continue complying with the norms by the end of 2027. For category B plants, within 10-km of critically polluted areas or cities not in compliance with national ambient air quality standards will apply on a case to case basis, based on recommendations of an expert appraisal committee. For Category C plants, outside of these two areas, will be completely exempted from meeting the SO₂ norms. However, they will have to comply with stack height criteria.

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Centre again relaxes SO₂ emission norms for coal plants

NIKHIL GHANEKAR
NEW DELHI, JULY 12

THE UNION Environment Ministry on Saturday once again relaxed its deadline for coal plants around Delhi-NCR to meet its sulphur emission (SO₂) norms introduced in 2015, while completely exempting several plants located in a 10-km radius of critically-polluted areas from meeting these norms.

The order, issued on Saturday, means that of the 600 coal plants that were directed to meet SO₂ emissions, only 66 – located within a 10-km radius of Delhi-NCR – will have to comply. The compliance deadline for these plants will be December 31, 2027.

The order effectively exempts several coal plants from installing pollution-cutting flue-gas desulphurisation (FGD) technology, which reduces SO₂ emissions from the plant's exhaust gases.

The government's latest order is the fifth deadline extension given to plant operators since the norms were notified in 2015.

Sulphur dioxide, a harmful pollutant, also aids formation of particulate matter that is lethal and can enter the bloodstream.

These 66 plants, termed as 'Category A' plants, are located within a 10-km radius of Delhi-NCR or cities with over a million population as per the 2011 Census.

There are 72 plants in 'Category B' – located within a 10-km radius of critically polluted areas or cities not in compliance with national air quality standards – on whom SO₂ norms will be applicable on a "case to case" basis, the order said.

Meanwhile, over 450 'Category C' plants, which are neither near Delhi-NCR nor near critically polluted areas, have been completely exempted from meeting the sulphur emission norms.

However, they will have to adhere to the stack height criteria and timeline, as prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the order added.

The order came on the back of multiple studies, as well as recommendations made by a high-powered committee

chaired by Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) Ajay Kumar Sood. The committee had concluded that the installation of FGD was not necessary in all coal plants.

In a report, the National Institute of Advanced Studies submitted to the high-powered committee that Indian coal, used to generate 92% electricity produced by thermal plants, has a low average sulphur content. In fact, it said that FGD installation in all coal plants by 2030 will increase auxiliary power consumption and add more long-lived carbon dioxide emissions, while removing short-lived sulphur dioxide emissions.

All the studies considered by the office of the PSA had instead called for focussing efforts on cutting particulate matter pollution and installing electrostatic precipitators.

The order stated that the CPCB had submitted recommendations after detailed analysis and study of national ambient air quality standards of sulphur dioxide across most regions. It added that the pollution control measures were causing an increase in carbon dioxide emissions as well increasing footprint due to use of limestone, and its transportation.

The order further said that an explicit recommendation has been received from the Ministry of Power about relaxation in timelines to meet norms. "several stakeholder consultations were done with Industry... Ministry of Power, Central Pollution Control Board, scientific institutions, and other stakeholders regarding these emission standards and their timeline," it added.

The government had identified 537 coal plant units with a capacity of over 200 Gigawatts (GW) for FGD installation. Of these, the technology has already been installed in 49 units with a capacity of 25 GW, as per data provided by the government in Lok Sabha in March.

Contracts awarded for 211 units (90 GW) and 180 units (58 GW) were under various stages of the tendering process. About 97 units with a capacity of 27 GW were under the pre-tendering process, the government had said.

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Centre defends new coal plant rules, calls them cost-effective

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Centre defends new coal plant rules, calls them cost-effective

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Environment and Forests said in a note on Monday that its recent decision to exempt a majority of thermal power plants from installing flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) units was a “scientifically justified shift towards more targeted, cost-effective and climate-coherent regulation” and not a rollback of environmental safeguards.

FGD units are used to cut sulphur dioxide emissions from coal plants and in 2015, the Ministry had made the systems mandatory for all thermal plants. However, only 8% of India’s roughly 180 coal plants have done so. The other plants have received multiple extensions from the Ministry for reasons such as limited availability of these units and high cost. The latest order, ho-



Revised norms: Under the new rules, only about 11% of India’s 600 thermal power units have to install FGD systems. R.V. MOORTHY

wever, says only a minority of plants – 22% – located in major cities with a history of poor air quality need to install these units.

The revised policy, its note says, reflects India’s “...declining ambient sulphur dioxide levels, the limited role of sulphur dioxide levels in driving PM2.5 health impacts and... the disproportionate resource and environmental costs of indiscriminate FGD man-

dates”. The Ministry’s note was in response to “media reports”.

According to the Ministry, India’s annual sulphur dioxide concentration standard of 50 microgram/cubic metre is more stringent than Japan (66), European Union (52.4) and Australia (66). A 2023 measurement in 492 cities, the Ministry said, found that all but two – Dehradun and Kolar – were com-

pliant. Indian coal was naturally low in sulphur (0.5% of weight) but had high ash content and therefore led to low sulphur dioxide concentrations. Studies had shown that cities with thermal power plants that have FGD technology and those without FGD technology didn’t show any “significant difference” in sulphur dioxide concentrations, it said.

“Eliminating all sulphur dioxide emissions would only result in a marginal improvement of particulate matter concentrations... At ₹1.2 crore per MW, the capital expense of installing FGD would be ₹2.54 lakh crore and would only bring about a marginal benefit,” it said.

Under new rules, only about 11% of India’s 600 thermal power units – a single plant can have multiple units – have to mandatorily install FGD systems.

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There cannot be different
environmental standards within India

The axe has dropped. The Environment Ministry has exempted the majority of India's coal-fired plants from mandatorily installing Flue Gas Desulphurisation (FGD) systems, which are designed to cut sulphur dioxide (SO₂) emissions. In effect, this undermines its own mandate from 2015 that required all such plants – there are about 180 of them now, comprising 600 units – to install these systems. While these were expected to be in place by 2017, only about 8% of the units have actually installed FGD – nearly all by the public-sector National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). SO₂ is among the gases monitored by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) as exposure beyond a degree can be harmful. Less appreciated is its propensity to form sulphates in the air and contributing to particulate matter pollution. In general, India's average ground-level SO₂ measurements have been below the permissible levels – one among several reasons that there has not been a sense of urgency in implementing FGD norms. The official reasons are the limited number of vendors in India, high installation costs, the potential rise in electricity bills, and disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While the latest deadlines flew by in 2024, the Environment's Ministry's decision – it follows consultations with scientific institutions and new commissioned studies – is a sharp disavowal of the current policy. An expert appraisal committee says that Indian coal is low in sulphur; SO₂ levels in cities near plants with operational FGD units do not differ significantly from those without these units, and all of these were anyway well below permissible levels. The committee had said that concerns about sulphates are unfounded. It also argued, echoed by the Minister for Power, that sulphates had a beneficial side-effect in suppressing warming from greenhouse gas emissions. Thus, reducing sulphates would actually worsen warming and compromise India's climate goals. While IPCC assessments do account for the heat-suppressing action of sulphates, nowhere is it projected as an unalloyed good.

A minority of plants, about a fifth – those within a 10 km radius of the NCR; in cities with a population of over a million, or known to be in pollution hotspots – must install FGDs by 2028. This seems to suggest that what determines their installation is the location of a coal plant and not whether FGDs are effective or SO₂ is harmful. This is a rare instance when there are different environmental standards within India on controlling exposure to a pollutant. While it is not unscientific to revise understanding of the harms or benefits of substances, this needs debate in the public domain before a policy is changed. Otherwise it amounts to undermining India's commitment to scientifically informed public health.

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Centre relaxes pollution control norm for thermal power plants

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Centre relaxes pollution control norm for thermal power plants

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NEW DELHI

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Centre relaxes pollution control norms for TPPs

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The plants in Category A were to have put in place

FGD systems by 2017 but have been given extensions to comply. The latest is December 30, 2027.

Category B plants that comply with the EAC norms have a deadline of December 30, 2028, to install the FGD. CPA are regions or industrial clusters that are extremely polluted and deemed so according to a specified criteria by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). NAC - there are 131 of them - are those that have the worst air quality and haven't met the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for at least five years.

Only about 8% of India's TPPs have installed FGD units. The limited number of vendors capable of installing such equipment in India, high installation costs, potential rise in electricity bills have been some of the reasons cited by the Power Ministry for the plants' inability to adhere to previous deadlines.

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Centre exempts 78% of thermal plants from installing key anti-polluting systems

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Manoj Kumar, who has researched the FGD's impact at the Centre for Research and Energy on Clean Air, criticised the decision.

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“Power plants are known to impact areas 200 kilometres away from their location. Thus, they are a source of transboundary pollution, regardless of the category they fall into. Additionally, using tall chimneys is not an effective pollution-control measure; it merely disperses sulfur dioxide higher into the atmosphere. This decision will affect millions of lives in India by increasing the risk of lung and heart diseases,” Mr. Kumar told *The Hindu*.

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Anti-polluting system exemption to thermal plants based on proof: Govt

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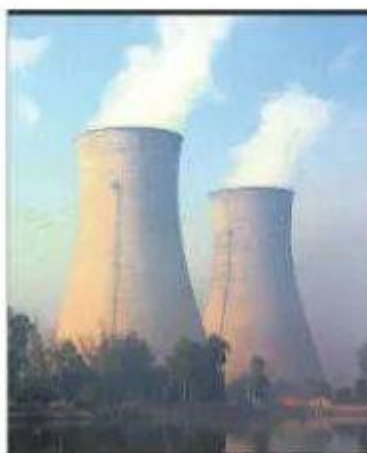
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Days after it was criticised for exempting a large section of the thermal power plants from installing flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) systems, which cut sulphur dioxide emissions, the Union Environment Ministry said its decision represented a “rational and evidence-based recalibration”.

The total installed capacity of coal-based thermal power plants in India is approximately 210,969 MW. The coal-based capacity is a significant portion of India's overall power generation capacity, contributing to over 45% of the total. Sulphur dioxide emissions are linked to air pollution.

Citing studies from institutions such as IIT-Delhi, National Institute of Advanced Studies as well as by the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), the environment ministry said current exposure levels provided no credible evidence to suggest that sulphur diox-

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A detailed analysis carried out by IIT-Delhi shows that sulfate contributes only 0.96 per cent to 5.21 per cent of particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and 0.57 per cent to 3.67 per cent of PM₁₀ in cities near thermal power plants. The institute in the study found no significant difference in sulphur dioxide levels between cities with thermal power plants equipped with operational FGDs and those without them.

A study by NEERI also suggested that sulphur dioxide

emissions contribute minimally to overall ambient air pollution levels in the form of particulate matter.

There are 180 operational thermal power plants in India and these have 537 units. As per government's official statement in August 2024, only 34 have installed FGD. Now, only about 11 per cent of India's 537 thermal power plant units have to mandatorily install FGD systems.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said sulphur dioxide is a health hazard and the ministry's policymaking could be driven by “flawed metrics”.

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Centre: SO2 norms relaxation misinterpreted

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In a statement issued a few days after the July 11 notification that extended deadlines and exempted a large number of coal plants from installing flue gas desulphurisation units, the ministry said, "The media reports misrepresent both the scientific evidence and the environmental policy rationale un-

derlying the revised notification."

It said the revised norms were framed after "extensive consultations with stakeholders and research institutions regarding the effectiveness and rationale behind stack emission standards for SO2 on 537 TPPs throughout the country, and its role in overall ambient air pollution of the region".

"Further, the norms were based on detailed scientific studies which were carried out by premier institutions such as IIT Delhi, National Institute of Advanced Studies as well as by the National Environ-

mental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI)—a constituent laboratory of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) besides scientific examination by Central Pollution Control Board," it said.

Responding to criticism over the rollback of deadlines and exemptions for Category C plants, which make up the bulk of India's coal fleet, the ministry said, "The media reports misrepresent both the scientific evidence and the environmental policy rationale underlying the revised notification."

"Contrary to claims of regulato-

ry dilution, the ministry's decision represents a rational, evidence-based recalibration anchored in current ambient air quality data, sectoral emission trends and broader sustainability imperatives," it said.

The ministry also rejected suggestions that the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for SO2, last revised in 2009, are outdated. "The contention that the existing SO2 NAAQS, last updated in 2009, are obsolete simply due to their age is scientifically unfounded," it said.

"In fact, any revision to SO2 standards must be driven by its actual contribution to PM2.5 levels and its corresponding health burden, rather than rhetorical assertions," the ministry added.

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A smarter, cheaper path to clean air and affordable power

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A Smarter, Cheaper Path to Clean Air and Affordable Power



Viewpoint
RN BHASKAR

The Government's recent decision to ease the blanket requirement for flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) systems across its coal-fired power fleet is not a retreat from environmental responsibility. On the contrary, it represents a mature, data-driven course correction — one that balances science, fiscal prudence and the realities of a still-developing economy.

The days of importing regulation from abroad, without context or calibration, must end. This decision is proof that India has begun creating laws and norms that suit Indian requirements and conditions. FGD systems remove sulphur dioxide (SO₂) from the exhaust of coal-fired power plants. In regions that use high-sulphur coal or face heavy industrial pollution, FGDs are essential. But in India — where domestic coal is inherently low in sulphur and ambient SO₂ levels across most cities remain well within permissible limits — a universal mandate was always difficult to justify. The evidence now confirms that suspicion.

Three independent studies by IIT Delhi, CSIR-NEERI and the National Institute of Advanced Studies have found that ambient SO₂ concentrations are between 3 and 20 µg/m³ — far below the 80 µg/m³ threshold. They also show no significant difference between SO₂ levels near FGD-equipped plants and those without. The environmental benefit, in short, is marginal.

The economic and climate costs, however, are not. Retrofitting FGDs would require Rs 2.5 lakh crore in investment and lead to 45-day shutdowns per boiler. Worse, the added auxiliary power, limestone usage and mining logistics would generate 69 million tonnes of additional CO₂ emissions — a climate penalty that defeats the purpose of the exercise.

But perhaps the most important and immediate impact will be felt on electricity prices. A blanket FGD mandate would have raised generation costs by 25 to 30 paise per unit. In an economy where millions of homes and small businesses live on the margin of affordability, that is a steep and unnecessary price to pay. Moreover, given the current cross subsidy norms that are in place, this would mean a much higher cost for industry and business which would render them even more uncompetitive in the global market. It would also stoke inflation, because all high costs must eventually be borne by customers.

The government's revised approach keeps FGDs mandatory for plants near large urban centres or critically polluted regions but exempts those in low-risk zones. This is regulation by risk, not ritual. It is how good policy should be made.

In fact, it is important to note that India needs to remain committed to thermal production of power for several reasons.

First, India is resource-starved, more specifically capital starved. Replacing coal plants would pose a monumental cost, thus taking away precious funds from even more critical areas of economic reform.

Second, India has abundant coal, and must therefore conserve its forex outgo by using the coal it has, and sticking to imports wherever required.

Third, India is investing heavily in solar and other renewables. But that comes with a disadvantage. At times of surplus power, either because demand falls, or because solar power production is high on account of good sunlight, we have surplus power generation. At that time, thermal plants can be shut, not solar (it is impossible to shut solar plants). That is another reason why merchant energy sale must be allowed by shutting down thermal plants to stabilise the grid and national costs.

That is why, regulators need to bear in mind that when ground realities change, the governing policies too must change. India is not backing away from its environmental commitments. It is simply making them smarter.

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FGD rule relaxation to cut electricity cost by 25-30 paise a unit

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NEW DELHI

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FGD installation. The notification stated that the decision was made following a detailed analysis by the Central Pollution Control Board, which found increased carbon dioxide emissions resulting from the operation of existing control measures.

Industry officials said this would lead to differentiated compliance based on proximity to urban populations and the sulphur content of the coal used. The new framework has been finalised after extensive deliberations and multiple independent studies.

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India's FGD shift echoes global reform in climate rules

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India’s FGD shift echoes global reform in climate rules

Revision is likely to cut power generation costs by up to Rs 0.30/kilowatt hour, offering direct benefit to consumers

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: India’s decision to relax its mandate on flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) systems at coal-fired power plants is being viewed internationally not as environmental regression, but as a shift toward more nuanced and evidence-led regulation. The move aligns with broader global trends, where countries are increasingly tailoring emissions policies to local conditions and life-cycle climate considerations.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC)

announced that FGD systems, which remove sulphur dioxide (SO₂) from flue gases, will now be mandatory only for plants near dense urban zones or in critical pollution areas. Roughly 80 per cent of India’s installed coal capacity, most of it running on low-sulphur domestic coal, will be exempt.

The decision follows independent assessments by three Indian research institutions, which concluded that ambient SO₂ levels are well within national standards even in regions without FGDs. Meanwhile, full-scale retrofitting

Clouser Look

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was projected to increase CO₂ emissions by nearly 70 million tonnes over five years, largely due to added limestone mining and auxiliary energy use.

The revision is also expected to reduce power generation costs by Rs 0.25 – Rs 0.30 per kilowatt hour, offering a direct benefit to consumers and easing pressure on India’s cash-strapped power distribution

companies. Industry experts have described the move as “regulatory realism” that will preserve affordability without compromising core environmental goals.

India is not alone. The US, Europe and China — all of which pioneered FGD rollouts in earlier decades — have since shifted toward differentiated enforcement and performance-based compliance. China, after an aggressive FGD deployment from 2004 to 2012, now applies zonal standards and is placing more emphasis on PM2.5 reduction and system-level efficiency.

Critics continue to argue that any relaxation risks delaying clean air goals. But those in government insist that the new framework targets pollution where it matters most and frees up billions in capital for higher-impact interventions such as electrostatic precipitators, real-time monitoring and renewable grid upgrades.

For many developing economies still reliant on coal, India’s recalibration may serve as a practical template – ambitious where necessary, economical where possible and always informed by data.

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Jairam Ramesh slams govt after it eases SO₂ emission norms

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'FAULTY PREMISES'

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OUR CORRESPONDENT

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Estimates suggest that anywhere between 12 per cent to 30 per cent of PM_{2.5} is attributable to such sulphur dioxide compounds, he said.

"The Ministry's rationale for this policy is based on two faulty premises. The Ministry had earlier amended the focus of the National Clean Air Program (NCAP) to focus largely on PM₁₀ emissions (particulate matter of less than 10mm diameter).

"PM₁₀ is a lot less dan-

gerous to human health than PM_{2.5} but is more obviously visible and somewhat easier to tackle, since it includes elements such as road dust," he said.

By choosing to turn a blind eye towards PM_{2.5} in its policymaking, the ministry has consigned us to many years more of our ongoing public health crisis – and this decision to tolerate sulphur dioxide compounds is only set to exacerbate this trend, he said.

"The Ministry claims that sulphur dioxide levels in India are largely within the limits of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). As we have repeatedly pointed out, the NAAQS were last updated in 2009, when the prevailing levels of particulate matter and emissions were of a decidedly lower order of magnitude, and when the catastrophic public health consequences of particulate matter were not known, Ramesh said.

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Government eases sulphur dioxide emission norms, exempts large number of coal plants

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OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: The central government has once again extended the deadline for coal-based thermal power plants to comply with sulphur dioxide emission norms and has fully exempted those located away from critically polluted areas or cities with a population of over one million.

In a notification dated July 11, the environment ministry said the compliance deadline for Category A plants, located within a 10-km radius of the National Capital Region or cities with a population of over one million, has been extended from December 2024 to December 2027.

Category B plants, situated within a 10-km radius of critically polluted areas or non-



attainment cities, will now be assessed on a case-by-case basis instead of adhering to the earlier 2025 deadline. Category C plants -- all others not falling under Category A or B -- have been completely exempted from the sulphur dioxide norms, provided they meet the prescribed stack height criteria. These plants were earlier required to comply by December 2026.

Flue gas desulphurization units are installed in coal-fired power plants to control sulphur dioxide emissions, a major air

pollutant. SO₂ converts into fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), which can penetrate deep into the lungs and cause a range of diseases, leading to millions of deaths each year.

The ministry said it had received numerous representations seeking exemption or relaxation in the timelines of the emission standards due to factors such as the "limited availability of technology providers, its techno-economic feasibility, negative impact of the Covid pandemic on supply chain, price escalation due to high demand and low supplies, low Sulphur dioxide concentration in ambient air and heavy burden on consumer due to increase in electricity prices etc".

It added that it had also received an "explicit recommendation" from the Ministry of

Power in this regard. According to the notification, several studies were conducted by research institutions regarding the effectiveness and rationale behind the SO₂ standards and their role in the overall ambient air pollution of the region.

The ministry said consultations were held with the industry, the Ministry of Power, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), scientific institutions and other stakeholders regarding the emission standards and their timeline.

It added that a committee was constituted in the CPCB to "examine the issue in totality, assess the available study reports, other relevant materials and other related factors and make a recommendation on applicability of these standards and its timeline".

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Centre eases FGD norms for power plants, electricity costs to come down

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NEW DELHI, JUL 13

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FGD requirements for coal-fired plants eased

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The move will benefit power plants based on domestic coal, he said. Indian coal, he said, does not have any big sulfur oxides (SO_x) emission problem and it is only the particulate matter, which is of concern.

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Centre eases FGD norms for power plants, electricity costs to come down

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Congress slams Centre over coal plant exemptions

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This is after the deadline for installing FGD systems, initially slated for 2017, was repeatedly pushed, the Congress general secretary said.

Sulphur dioxide is a direct threat to public health and has also been known to impact cloud formation, disrupting the monsoon that is the lifeline of the Indian economy, Ramesh said.

"More damagingly, research

has increasingly shown that a large part of India's ambient PM2.5 (fine particulate matter of diameter less than 2.5 mm) is attributable to secondary particulate matter formed when sulphur dioxide reacts with other compounds," he said.

Estimates suggest that anywhere between 12 per cent to 30 per cent of PM2.5 is attributable to such sulphur dioxide compounds, he said.

"The Ministry's rationale for this policy is based on two faulty premises. The Ministry had earlier amended the focus of the National Clean Air Program (NCAP) to focus largely on PM10 emissions (particulate matter of less than 10mm diameter).

"PM10 is a lot less dangerous to human health than PM2.5 but is more obviously visible and somewhat easier to tackle, since it includes elements such as road dust," he said.

The Pioneer • 14 Jul • Adani Power Ltd. (APL)

FGD rule relaxation to cut electricity cost by 25-30 paise a unit

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Hyderabad

FGD rule relaxation to cut electricity cost by 25-30 paise a unit

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The government's move to ease sulphur emission rules for most coal-fired power plants strikes a delicate balance between costs, climate and compliance and is expected to cut electricity costs by 25-30 paise per unit, officials said on Sunday.

In a gazette notification, the government has restricted the 2015 mandate of installing flue-gas desulphurisation (FGD) systems that remove sulphur from a power plants' exhaust gases, only to plants located within 10 kilometres of cities with a population exceeding one million.

Plants in critically polluted areas or non-attainment cities will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis while all other plants -- accounting for nearly 79 per



cent of India's thermal power capacity -- are exempt from mandatory FGD installation.

The notification stated that the decision was made following a detailed analysis by the Central Pollution Control Board, which found increased carbon dioxide emissions resulting from the operation of existing control measures.

Industry officials said this would lead to differentiated compliance based on proximity to urban populations and the sulphur content of the coal used.

Telangana Today • 14 Jul • Adani Power Ltd. (APL)
Electricity may cost less as FGD norms eased

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Hyderabad

Electricity may cost less as FGD norms eased

Cost may come down by 25-30 paise per unit

NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has relaxed the requirement for mandatory installation of flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) systems at most coal-based thermal power plants, marking a move towards differentiated compliance based on proximity to urban populations and the sulphur content of the coal used.

The new framework, finalised after extensive deliberations and multiple independent studies, will restrict FGD mandates only to plants located within 10 kilometres of cities with a population exceeding one million.

Plants in critically polluted areas or non-attainment cities will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. All other plants - accounting for nearly 79 per cent of India's thermal power capacity - are now exempted from mandatory FGD installation.

Crucially, the relaxed norms are expected to bring down the cost of electricity by 25 to 30 paise per unit. That benefit, say experts, will ultimately flow to consumers. In a high-demand, cost-sensitive economy, the impact could be significant, helping state discoms contain tariffs and reducing the subsidy burden on governments.

The financial burden of mandatory FGD retrofitting was previously estimated at over Rs 2.5 lakh crore, or Rs 1.2 crore per MW, with installation timelines of up to 45 days per unit. Several



power producers had warned that this would not only raise costs but also jeopardise grid stability during peak seasons.

The decision follows a series of studies by IIT Delhi, CSIR-NEERI and the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), which found that ambient sulphur dioxide levels in most parts of India are well within the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

Measurements across multiple cities showed sulphur dioxide levels ranging between 3 and 20 (micrograms per cubic meter air), significantly below the NAAQS threshold of 80 (micrograms per cubic meter air). The studies also questioned the environmental and economic efficacy of a universal FGD mandate in the Indian context.

Indian coal typically has a sulphur content of less than 0.5 per cent, and due to high stack heights and favourable meteorological conditions, dispersion of sulphur dioxide is efficient. The NIAS study warned that retrofitting FGDs nationwide

would add an estimated 69 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions between 2025 and 2030 due to increased limestone mining, transportation, and power consumption. FGDs are useful in places with high sulphur coal (like in China or the US), high ambient sulphur dioxide levels and dense urban proximity. Studies show that India does not face these problems at scale, making universal FGD rollout unnecessary, expensive and counterproductive.

Industry executives welcomed the decision. "This is a rational, science-based move that avoids unnecessary costs and focuses regulation where it is most needed," said a senior executive at a leading public sector utility. "More importantly, it will help keep electricity affordable."

Officials stressed that the government remains committed to environmental protection, but with a smarter lens. "This is not a rollback. It is a recalibration based on evidence," a senior official said. (IANS)

Deccan Herald • 13 Jul • Adani Group • Adani Power Ltd. (APL)

Govt eases sulphur emission rules for coal power plants

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Bangalore • Bengaluru

Govt eases
sulphur emission
rules for coal
power plants

NEW DELHI, REUTERS: The Union government has reversed a decade-old mandate to install \$30 billion worth of clean-air equipment, easing sulphur emission rules for most coal-fired power plants, a government order said.

Reuters in December reported that the Modi government was reviewing 2015 norms that required nearly 540 coal-based power units to install flue-gas desulphurisation (FGD) systems that remove sulphur from the plants' exhaust gases in phases starting in 2027.

The Environment Ministry late on Friday issued a gazette notification that exempted 79% of the coal-fired power plants, outside a 10-km (6-mile) radius of populated and polluted cities, from the 2015 mandate.

The mandate to install FGD for another 1% of the plants near populated cities would be taken on a "case-by-case basis," the notification said.

The balance of 10% of the coal-fired power plants closer to New Delhi and other cities with a million-plus population will be required to install the desulphurisation equipment by December 2027, according to the new mandate.

The notification comes after state-run NTPC, country's top electricity producer, spent about \$4 billion on installing the equipment at about 1% of the power plants, and about 50% of the units either placed orders for the desulphurisation systems or are installing them.

The Friday notification did not mention the impact on the competitiveness or recovery of costs by these power plants.

Pioneer Hindi • 14 Jul • Adani Power Ltd. (APL)
Reduction in electricity cost by 25-30 paise per unit

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Delhi

बिजली की लागत में 25-30 पैसे प्रति यूनिट की कमी

नयी दिल्ली। अधिकांश कोयला आधारित बिजली संयंत्रों के लिए सल्फर उत्सर्जन नियमों में ढील देने का सरकार का फैसला लागत, जलवायु और अनुपालन के बीच एक नाजुक संतुलन बनाता है। अधिकारियों ने रविवार को यह जानकारी देते हुए कहा कि इससे बिजली की लागत में 25-30 पैसे प्रति यूनिट की कमी आने की उम्मीद है। एक सरकारी अधिसूचना के अनुसार सरकार ने बिजली संयंत्रों से निकलने वाली गैसों से सल्फर हटाने वाली फ्लू-गैस डिस्ल्फराइजेशन (एफडीडी) प्रणालियाँ स्थापित करने के नियमों में राहत दी है। वर्ष 2015 के इस आदेश को अब केवल दस लाख से अधिक आबादी वाले शहरों के 10 किलोमीटर के दायरे में स्थित संयंत्रों तक सीमित कर दिया गया है। गंभीर रूप से प्रदूषित क्षेत्रों में स्थित संयंत्रों का मूल्यांकन हर मामले के आधार अलग-अलग किया जाएगा।

Navbharat Times • 14 Jul • Adani Power Ltd. (APL)

Electricity cost will come down

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Mumbai

‘बिजली लागत में कमी आएगी’

■ पीटीआई, नई दिल्ली:

अधिकारियों ने रविवार को बताया कि ज्यादातर कोयला आधारित बिजली संयंत्रों के लिए सल्फर उत्सर्जन नियमों को आसान बनाने का सरकार का कदम लागत, जलवायु और अनुपालन

के बीच फ्लू-गैस एक नाजुक डिसल्फराइजेशन संतुलन (FGD) प्रणालियों बनाता है के नियम में ढील और इससे

बिजली की लागत में 25-30 पैसे प्रति यूनिट की कमी आने की उम्मीद है। एक राजपत्र अधिसूचना में, सरकार ने बिजली संयंत्रों के निकास गैसों से सल्फर हटाने वाली फ्लू-गैस डिसल्फराइजेशन प्रणालियां लगाने के 2015 के आदेश को केवल दस लाख से ज्यादा आबादी वाले शहरों के 10 किलोमीटर के दायरे में स्थित संयंत्रों तक सीमित कर दिया है। गंभीर रूप से प्रदूषित क्षेत्रों या गैर-प्राप्ति शहरों में स्थित संयंत्रों का मूल्यांकन मामला-दर-मामला आधार पर किया जाएगा, जबकि अन्य सभी संयंत्र - जो भारत की ताप विद्युत क्षमता का लगभग 79 प्रतिशत हिस्सा हैं।

Amar Ujala • 14 Jul • Adani Group • Adani Power Ltd. (APL)

Kendra Sarkar ne Koyla bijli sayantra ke liye salphur utsarjan niymom mein de dhel

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Delhi

केंद्र सरकार ने कोयला बिजली संयंत्रों के लिए सल्फर उत्सर्जन नियमों में दी ढील

नई दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार ने एक दशक पुराना आदेश को पलटते हुए कोयले से बिजली बनाने वाले संयंत्रों के लिए सल्फर उत्सर्जन नियमों में ढील दे दी है। 11 जुलाई को पर्यावरण मंत्रालय की तरफ से जारी अधिसूचना के अनुसार 79 प्रतिशत संयंत्रों को फ्लू-गैस डिसल्फराइजेशन (एफजीडी) सिस्टम लगाने से छूट दी गई है। ये ऐसे संयंत्र हैं जो प्रदूषण के हॉटस्पॉट से 10 किलोमीटर से ज्यादा दूर स्थित हैं।

कोयला बिजली संयंत्र के लिए एक दशक पुराना आदेश पलटा

एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि कोयला आधारित बिजली संयंत्रों के लिए सल्फर उत्सर्जन नियमों में ढील देने से बिजली की कीमत में 25-30 पैसे प्रति यूनिट की कमी आने की उम्मीद है। सरकार के आदेश के अनुसार बाकी 11 प्रतिशत संयंत्रों की मामले-दर-मामला समीक्षा की जाएगी, जबकि 10 प्रतिशत संयंत्र जो दिल्ली और दूसरे बड़े शहरों के करीब हैं, उन्हें दिसंबर 2027 तक आदेश का पालन करना होगा। वहीं, कांग्रेस नेता जयराम रमेश ने केंद्र सरकार की ओर से सल्फर डाइऑक्साइड उत्सर्जन के नियमों में छूट देने को गलत बताया। उन्होंने सरकार के इस कदम को पर्यावरण के लिए खतरा बताया है। ब्यूरो

Business Remedies • 14 Jul • Adani Power Ltd. (APL)

Centre eases FGD norms for power plants, electricity costs to come down

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Jaipur

Centre eases FGD norms for power plants, electricity costs to come down



IANAS
New Delhi

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Pudhari • 14 Jul • Adani Power Ltd. (APL)
Pollution rules relaxed for power projects

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विद्युत प्रकल्पांना प्रदूषण नियम शिथिल

नवी दिल्ली : औष्णिक विद्युत प्रकल्पातून बाहेर पडणाऱ्या सल्फर वायूचे प्रदूषण कमी व्हावे, यासाठी यंत्रणा बसविणे प्रकल्पांना बंधनकारक आहे. त्यासाठी ३० अरुज डॉलर किमतीची उपकरणे बसवावी लागली असती. देशातील ५४० विद्युत प्रकल्पांना सल्फरचे प्रदूषण रोखण्यासाठी फ्लू गॅस डिसल्फरायझेशन (एफजीडी) बसविणे बंधनकारक आहे. केंद्रीय पर्यावरण मंत्रालयाने अधिसूचना काढली आहे. त्यात दाट लोकसंख्या असलेल्या आणि प्रदूषित शहरांच्या १० किमी (६ मैल) परिघाबाहेरील औष्णिक विद्युत प्रकल्पांना २०१५च्या आदेशातून वगळले आहे. त्यामुळे ७९ टक्के प्रकल्पांना आता अशी यंत्रणा बसविण्याची गरज भासणार नाही. तसेच, उर्वरित ११ टक्के प्रकल्पांचा स्वतंत्रपणे विचार केला जाईल. त्यानुसार पुढील निर्णय घेतला जाईल, असे अधिसूचनेत स्पष्ट केले आहे. राहिलेले १० टक्के प्रकल्प दिल्ली आणि दहा लाख लोकसंख्या असलेल्या शहरांजवळ आहे. त्यांना डिसेंबर २०२७ पर्यंत सल्फर नियंत्रित करणारी यंत्रणा बसवावी लागेल.



Navshakti • 14 Jul • Adani Power Ltd. (APL)

Changes in rules to reduce electricity costs by 25-30 paise per unit

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Mumbai

वीज खर्चात २५-३० पैसे प्रति युनिट कपातीसाठी नियमात बदल

नवी दिल्ली : बहुतांश कोळशावर चालणाऱ्या वीज प्रकल्पांसाठी सल्फर (गंधक) उत्सर्जन नियम शिथिल करण्याच्या सरकारच्या निर्णयामुळे प्रति युनिट वीज खर्च २५-३० पैशांनी कमी होण्याची अपेक्षा आहे, असे अधिकाऱ्यांनी रविवारी सांगितले. सरकारने वीज प्रकल्पांच्या 'एक्झॉस्ट' वायूमधून 'सल्फर' काढून टाकणाऱ्या फ्लू-गॅस डिसल्फरायझेशन (एफजीडी) प्रणाली बसवण्याच्या २०१५ च्या आदेशाला केवळ दहा लाखांपेक्षा जास्त लोकसंख्या असलेल्या शहरांच्या १० किलोमीटरच्या आत असलेल्या प्रकल्पांपुरते मर्यादित केले आहे, असे एका राजपत्रित अधिसूचनेत म्हटले आहे.

केंद्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडळाच्या सविस्तर विश्लेषणानंतर हा निर्णय घेण्यात आला. त्यामध्ये विद्यमान नियंत्रण उपायांच्या अंमलबजावणीमुळे कार्बन डायऑक्साइड उत्सर्जनात वाढ झाल्याचे आढळून आले.

Veer Arjun • 14 Jul • Adani Power Ltd. (APL)

FGD नियम में धूल से बिजली की लागत में 25-30p per unit की कमी

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Delhi

एफजीडी नियम में धूल से बिजली की लागत में 25-30 पैसे प्रति यूनिट की कमी

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Yatharth • 14 Jul • Adani Group

Relaxation in FGD rules will reduce the cost of power generation per unit by 25-30 paise, which will...

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FGD નિયમમાં છૂટછાટથી પ્રતિ યુનિટ વીજ ઉત્પાદન ખર્ચ ૨૫-૩૦ પૈસા ઘટશે જેનો સીધો લાભ ગ્રાહકોને થશે

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મોટાભાગના કોલસાથી ચાલતા પાવર પ્લાન્ટ્સ માટે સલ્ફર ઉત્સર્જનના નિયમોને સરળ બનાવવા માટે સરકારના પગલા, આબોહવા અને તેના અનુપાલન વચ્ચેના નાજુક સંતુલનને હકારાત્મક અસર કરે છે તેના પરિણામે વીજળીના ખર્ચમાં યુનિટ દીઠ ૨૫-૩૦ પૈસાનો ઘટાડો થવાની ધારણા છે, એમ કેન્દ્રીય પર્યાવરણ, વન અને ક્લાયમેટ ચેન્જ મંત્રાલયના અધિકારીઓએ રવિવારે જણાવ્યું હતું. સરકારે ફ્લ્યુ-ગેસ ડિસલ્ફ્યુરિસેશન (FGD) સિસ્ટમ્સ સ્થાપવાના ૨૦૧૫ ના આદેશને ગેઝેટ જારી કરી પ્રતિબંધિત કર્યો છે જે ફક્ત દશ લાખથી વધુની વસ્તીવાળા શહેરોના ૧૦ કિલોમીટરની અંદર આવેલા વીજ પ્લાન્ટમાંથી નીકળતા વાયુઓમાંથી સલ્ફરને દૂર કરે છે. ફ્લ્યુ ગેસમાંથી સલ્ફર ડાયોક્સાઈડ (SO₂)ને દૂર કરવા માટેની ફ્લુ ગેસ ડિસલ્ફ્યુરિસેશન (FGD) સિસ્ટમને

હવે ફક્ત ગીચ શહેરી ક્ષેત્રોની નજીક આવેલા અથવા ગંભીર પ્રદૂષિત વિસ્તારોમાં આવેલા પાવર પ્લાન્ટ માટે ફરજિયાત કરવામાં આવશે તેવી કેન્દ્રના પર્યાવરણ, વન અને ક્લાયમેટ ચેન્જ મંત્રાલયે જાહેરાત કરી છે. જ્યારે ભારતની સ્થાપિત કોલસાની ક્ષમતાના લગભગ ૭૮ ટકાના મોટાભાગના સલ્ફરનું નીચું પ્રમાણ ધરાવતા સ્વદેશી કોલસા ઉપર ચાલતા પાવર પ્લાન્ટને મુક્તિ અપાશે. સૂચનામાં જણાવાયું છે કે કેન્દ્રીય પ્રદૂષણ નિયંત્રણ બોર્ડ દ્વારા વિગતવાર વિશ્લેષણ બાદ આ નિર્ણય લેવામાં આવ્યો હતો, જેમાં હાલના નિયંત્રણ પગલાંની કામગીરીના પરિણામે કાર્બન ડાયોક્સાઈડના ઉત્સર્જનમાં વધારો જોવા મળ્યો હતો. ઉદ્યોગના અધિકારીઓએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે આ શહેરી વસ્તીની ગીચતા અને વપરાયેલા કોલસાની સલ્ફર સામગ્રીના આધારે અલગ પાલન તરફ દોરી જશે. આઈઆઈટી, નવી દિલ્હી, સીએસઆઈઆર-નીરી અને

નેશનલ ઇન્સ્ટિટ્યૂટ ઓફ એડવાન્સ સ્ટડીઝ (એનઆઈએ) ના શ્રેણીબદ્ધ અભ્યાસમાં જાણવા મળ્યું છે કે ભારતના મોટાભાગના ભાગોમાં એમ્બિયન્ટ સલ્ફર ડાયોક્સાઈડનું સ્તર રાષ્ટ્રીય એમ્બિયન્ટ એર ક્વોલિટી સ્ટાન્ડર્ડ્સ (એનએએક્વ્યુ) ની અંદર છે. આ પ્રસ્તુત નવા માળખાને વિસ્તૃત ચર્ચાઓ અને બહુવિધ સ્વતંત્ર અભ્યાસ પછી અંતિમ સ્વરૂપ આપવામાં આવ્યા બાદ આ નિર્ણય લેવામાં આવ્યો છે. બહુવિધ શહેરોમાંના માપદંડોમાં સલ્ફર ઓક્સાઈડનું સ્તર ક્યુબિક મીટર દીઠ ૩ થી ૨૦ માઈક્રોગ્રામની વચ્ચે હતું, જે ક્યુબિક મીટર દીઠ ૮૦ માઈક્રોગ્રામના એનએએક્વ્યુએસ શ્રેણીની નોંધપાત્ર નીચે છે. અધિકારીઓએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે અભ્યાસુઓએ ભારતીય સંદર્ભમાં સાર્વત્રિક ભૂલના આદેશની પર્યાવરણીય અને આર્થિક અસરકારકતા પર પણ સવાલ ઉઠાવ્યા હતા.

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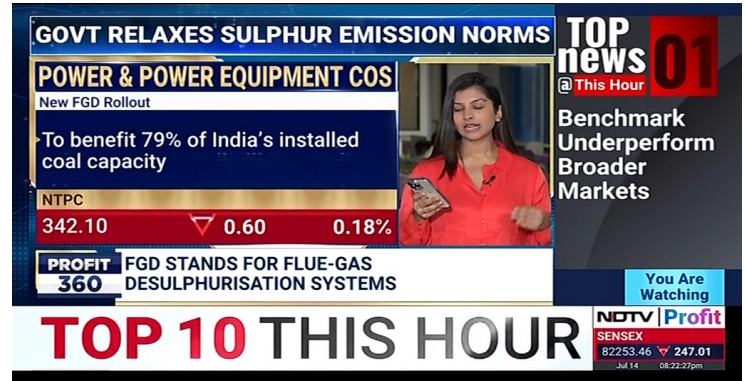


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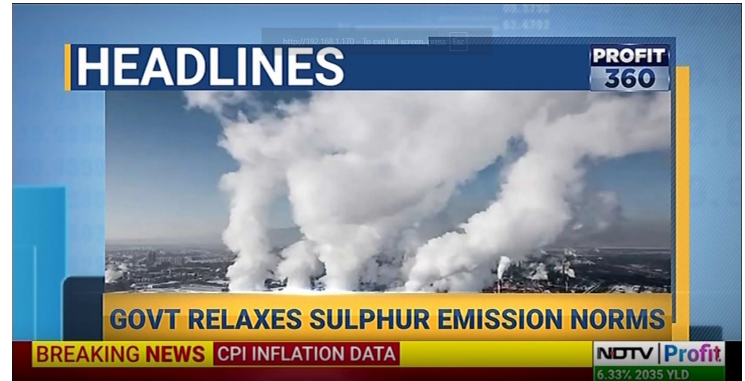
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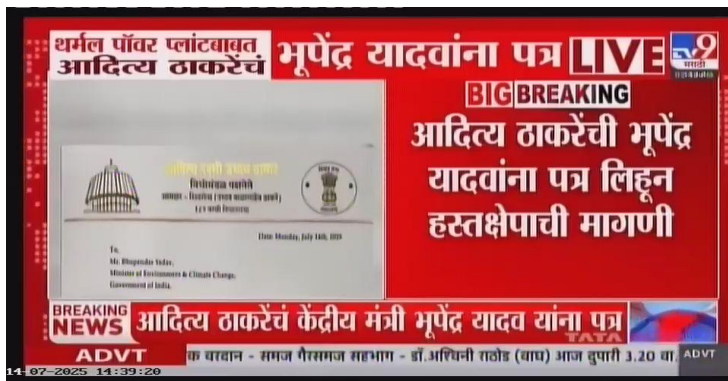
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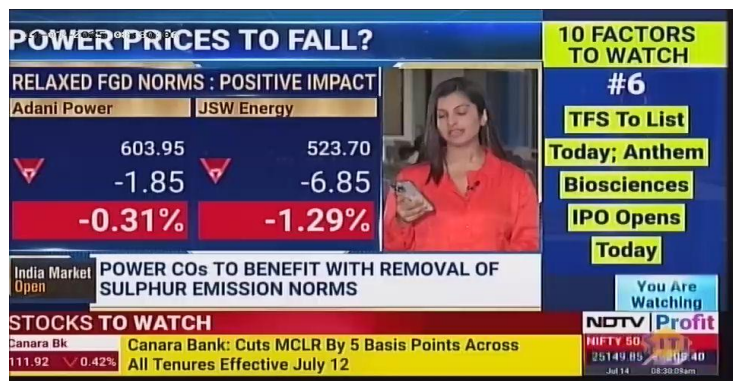
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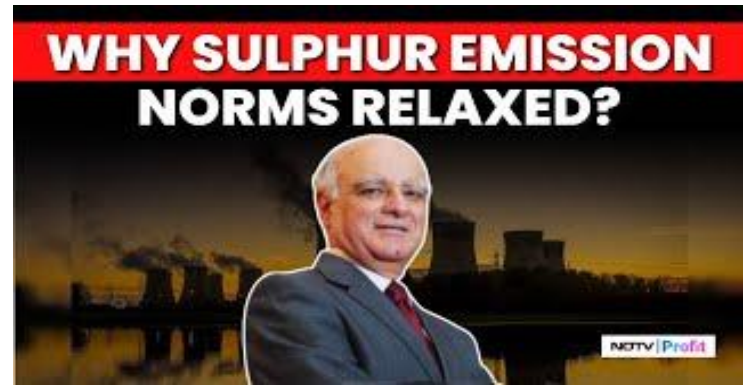
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