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Government of India

(भारत सरकार)

Ministry of Coal

(कोयला मंत्रालय)

New Delhi, 08th June, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 3/2023

The undersigned is directed to say that the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector (SLC/LT No. 3/2023) to consider the requests for linkages to Central / State Sector Power Plants and to review the status of existing coal linkages / LoAs and other related matters is scheduled to be held on **16.06.2023 at 11:30 AM** Venue for the meeting is Coal India Limited, Core 6, 6th Floor, Scope Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. Agenda item for the meeting is enclosed herewith.

2. It is, therefore, requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting.

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To

1.	Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal	Chairperson
2.	Principal Advisor (Energy), NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi	Member
3.	Joint Secretary (Coal), Ministry of Coal	Member
4.	Advisor (Projects), Ministry of Coal	Member
5.	Joint Secretary (Thermal), Ministry of Power, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi	Member
6.	Joint Secretary (Ports), Ministry of Shipping, Transport Bhawan, New Delhi	Member
7.	Executive Director, Coal, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New	Member

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8.	Director (Marketing), Coal India Limited	Member
9.	CMD's SCCL, BCCL, CCL, ECL, MCL, NCL, SECL & WCL	Members
10.	Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd., Gondwana Place, Kanke Road, Ranchi	Member
11.	Chairman, Central Electricity Authority, Sewa Bhawan, RK Puram, New Delhi	Member
12.	Chairman, NTPC, Scope Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003	Member

Copy to (with the request to attend the meeting):

- i. Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal
- ii. Coal Controller, Coal Controller Organization, Kolkata

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- vi. NIC, Ministry of Coal - with the request to place it in the website of Ministry of Coal for information of all concerned.

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Enclosure

Agenda for the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) for Power Sector [SLC (LT) 3 / 2023

Agenda	Issue
Agenda Item No. 1: Long Term coal linkage to SJVN Thermal Power (Pvt.) Limited, Buxar Thermal Power Project Stage – II, Unit – 3 (1 x 660 MW)	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 22.05.2023 has requested to consider the request of SJVN Thermal Power (Pvt) Limited (SJVNL) for grant of long term coal linkage to the proposed Unit – 3 (1 x 660 MW) at Buxar Thermal Power Project Stage – II of SJVNL under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy for the consideration of SLC (LT). Ministry of Power has stated that SJVNL has planned to install 1 x 660 MW Unit – 3 at Buxar Thermal Power Project and the same has been included by CEA as a candidate plant in the proposed additional capacity requirement by the year 2029-30. Ministry of Power has also stated that the proposed project is not linked with any captive coal mine.</p> <p>SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.</p>
Agenda Item No. 2: Long Term coal linkage to Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Ltd. (GSECL) Super Critical Extension	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 10.05.2023 has requested to take up the matter of grant of long term coal linkage to the proposed Super Critical Extension Unit No. 7 (1 x 800 MW) at Ukai Thermal Power Plant of Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Ltd. (GSECL) under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy for the consideration of SLC (LT). Ministry of Power has stated that GSECL has planned to install 1 x 800 MW Unit No. 7 at Ukai Thermal Power Station and the</p>

<p>Unit No. 7 (1 x 800 MW) at Ukai Thermal Power Plant</p>	<p>same has been included by CEA as a candidate plant in the proposed additional capacity requirement by the year 2029-30.</p> <p>SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 3: Long term coal linkage to the proposed 2 x 800 MW Koderma Thermal Power Plant Phase – II of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC)</p>	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 10.05.2023 has requested to take up the matter of grant of long term coal linkage to the proposed 2 x 800 MW Koderma Thermal Power Plant Phase – II of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy for the consideration of SLC (LT). Ministry of Power has stated that DVC has planned to install 2 x 800 MW units at Koderma Thermal Power Station and these units have been included by CEA as candidate plant in the proposed additional capacity requirement by the year 2029 – 30. Further, Ministry of Power has accorded in-principal approval for the project. Ministry of Power has also stated that the proposed project is not linked to any captive coal mine of DVC.</p> <p>SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 4: Coal Linkage under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the State of Madhya Pradesh</p>	<p>SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 24.06.2019 had recommended earmarking of coal linkages under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy from Coal India Limited for the State of Madhya Pradesh for a capacity of 2640 MW. SLC (LT) had also recommended that in case the tariff based bidding gets delayed, then the same shall be informed by the concerned State Government to the coal company, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power. Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy states that the quantity remaining unutilized for 2 years continuously shall lapse. Coal linkages</p>

earmarked under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy were reviewed in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.09.2022. SLC (LT) recommended for continuation of coal linkage earmarked under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI to the State of Madhya Pradesh to the extent of power requirement procured through tariff-based bidding. SLC (LT) further recommended that FSA be signed by the successful bidders with the coal companies within 6 months of the date of issuance of the minutes of the meeting of the SLC (LT) and the balance quantity of coal linkage shall lapse. The Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.09.2022 were issued on 17.11.2022. Therefore, in terms of the recommendations of the SLC (LT), the FSAs with the coal companies were to be signed by 16.05.2023.

Energy Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh (GoMP) vide letter dated 28.04.2023 has informed that the successful bidder i.e. Adani Power Limited (APL), had recommended to transfer Power Supply Agreement (PSA) dated 12.03.2020 to its another 100 % owned subsidiary Mahan Energen Limited, which was considered by the State Government. GoMP has also stated that the transfer of PSA can only be done after an amendment to the PSA, which requires prior approval of the State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERC) and therefore, it is difficult to sign the FSA within the timelines. GoMP expects a requirement of 4 months time from the date of approval of the agreement of the PSA dated 12.03.2020 by the SERC for the execution of FSA by Mahan Energen Limited with the coal company.

SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.

<p>Agenda Item No. 5: Coal Linkage under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the State of Gujarat</p>	<p>SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 24.06.2019 had recommended earmarking of coal linkages under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy from Coal India Limited for the State of Gujarat. Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy states that the quantity remaining unutilized for 2 years continuously shall lapse. Coal linkages earmarked under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy were reviewed in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.09.2022. SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 21.09.2022 recommended for continuation of coal linkage earmarked to the State of Gujarat under SHAKTI B (iv) to the extent of power requirement to be procured through tariff-based bidding. SLC (LT) further recommended that FSA be signed by the successful bidders with the coal companies within 6 months of the date of issuance of the minutes of the meeting of the SLC (LT) and the balance quantity of coal linkage shall lapse. The Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.09.2022 were issued on 17.11.2022. Therefore, in terms of the recommendations of the SLC (LT), the FSAs with the coal companies were to be signed by 16.05.2023.</p> <p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 23.05.2023 has stated that Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL) had invited tender for tie up of upto 3000 MW capacity based on the guidelines of Ministry of Power, however, delay by Coal India Limited in sharing the draft FSA with GUVNL has delayed the conclusion of bidding process. Ministry of Power has also stated that Gujarat is willing to tie up maximum capacity at optimum rates utilizing the coal</p>
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	<p>linkage earmarked under SHAKTI B (iv). Ministry of Power has requested that the balance quantity shall not be considered as lapsed for next 3 months.</p> <p>There is a delay in signing of FSA. Ministry of Power has also requested for not considering the balance quantity as lapsed.</p> <p>SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 6: Enhancement in Annual Contracted Quantity (ACQ) of coastal power plants</p>	<p>The Annual Contracted Quantity (ACQ) of power plants was increased upto 100% of the normative requirement, in the cases where the ACQ was reduced to 90% of normative requirement (non-coastal) or where the ACQ was reduced to 70% of normative requirement (coastal power plants). The decision to increase the ACQ upto 100 % of the normative requirement for the coastal power plants was taken in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 04.02.2021. SLC (LT) had also recommended that such coastal power plants whose ACQ is increased to 100 % would have to sign FSA with the coal companies within 3 months from the date of issue of the SLC (LT) recommendations. In addition, in the case of coastal power plants having existing long term PPAs under Section 63 of the Electricity Act, Ministry of Power shall work out a methodology to ensure that the benefits accrued to the power plants as a result of increase in ACQ are passed on to the consumers.</p> <p>The recommendation of SLC (LT) for increasing the ACQ up to 100 % of the normative requirement for the coastal power plants where ACQ was restricted to 70 % of the normative requirement has not been implemented so far by Coal India Limited in the case of Section 63</p>

	<p>PPA(s) for want of the methodology from Ministry of Power as per the recommendation of the SLC (LT).</p> <p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 12.05.2023 has a recommended methodology for the Section 63 PPAs of Sembcorp Energy India Limited (SEIL) to ensure that the benefits due to change in ACQ from 70 % to 100 % are passed on to the consumers.</p> <p>While increasing the ACQ of the coastal power plants, SLC (LT) had also recommended for signing of FSAs with the coal companies within 3 months from the date of issue of the SLC (LT) recommendations. The recommendations of the SLC (LT) after the approval were issued on 01.03.2021. Therefore, the timeline of 3 months for signing of FSA has already lapsed.</p> <p>SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 7: Extension of Bridge Linkage of Harduaganj Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW), Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) and Panki</p>	<p>UPRVUNL vide letter dated 02.05.2023 has requested for extension of Bridge Linkage of the End Use Plants (EUPs) of its Saharpur Jamarpani coal block for a period of 5 years. Bridge Linkage of EUPs of Saharpur Jamarpani coal block viz. Harduaganj Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW), Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) and Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) has been extended for 1 year in the meetings of the SLC (LT) held on 08.08.2022, 28.10.2022 and 21.02.2023. Bridge Linkage of these plants of UPRVUNL is valid upto 12.08.2023.</p>

<p>Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) of UPRVUNL</p>	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 26.05.2023 has also requested to take up the request of UPRVUNL for extension of Bridge Linkage for consideration of the SLC (LT) in order to avoid the loss of generation / delay in commissioning activities from Saharpur Jamarpani coal block linked with the power plant. Ministry of Power has informed that Harduaganj Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) is operational and the expected commissioning of Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) & Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) is June, 2023/December, 2023; June, 2023/January, 2024 & January, 2024 respectively.</p> <p>As regards the progress in development of Saharpur Jamarpani coal block, Ministry of Power has informed that selection of MDO is in process and NIT for the selection of MDO was issued on 03.10.2022, however, due to no participation in the Tender Process, bids have been extended 6 times and later the tender was cancelled. Further, the Tender Documents are being modified by NLCIL. In addition, CMPCIL is yet to start the exploration work citing law & order issues.</p> <p>SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 8: Extension of Bridge Linkage of Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) of NUPPL</p>	<p>Neyvelli Uttar Pradesh Power Limited (NUPPL) vide letter dated 29.04.2023 has requested to consider the excess coal requirement of Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) as Bridge Linkage for a period from 2023-24 to 2026-27. NUPPL has stated that Pachhwara South coal block has been allocated as linked coal mine for Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) and the coal block is expected to start production from the year 2023-24. Peak Rated Capacity (PRC) for the coal</p>

block would be reached in 2027-28. NUPPL has also mentioned that NLCIL Talabira II & III coal mines were considered as an alternative arrangement in order to meet excess requirement till the linked coal block i.e. Pachhwara South; becomes operational. However, due to various constraints viz. higher landed cost of coal from Talabira II & II coal mine and the grade of coal being G 13 at Talabira II & II coal mine, the arrangement from Talabira II & III coal mines is impractical. NUPPL has stated that all the three units of Ghatampur TPP are expected to be commissioned in FY 2023-24.

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 07.06.2023 has also requested to consider the request of NUPPL for the allocation of excess coal requirement of Ghatampur TPP as Bridge Linkage for the period 2023-24 to 2026-27. Ministry of Power has informed that Units 1 - 3 of Ghatampur TPP would get commissioned in July, 2023, October, 2023 & December, 2023 respectively. Further, production from the linked Pachhwara South coal block is expected to commence in FY 2023-24.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 19.05.2021 had considered the matter of Bridge Linkage of Ghatampur TPP and had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for the Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) of NUPPL upto 2023-24. The recommendation of the SLC (LT) was further examined and during the examination, NUPPL vide letter dated 21.07.2021 had stated that the coal requirement of Ghatampur TPP can be met from Talabira II & III coal mines and had requested for Bridge Linkage of 1.904 MT for the year 2022-23 only. Accordingly, vide

letter no. CPD-23014/2/2021-CPD dated 11.08.2021, Bridge Linkage of 1.904 MT was granted from Coal India Limited for the TPP for the year 2022-23 only.

The Bridge Linkage of Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) was valid till 31.03.2023.

SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.