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Government of India  
(भारत सरकार)  
Ministry of Coal  
(कोयला मंत्रालय)  
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Shastri Bhawan,  
New Delhi, the 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2024

To

1. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,  
Coal India Limited,  
Coal Bhawan, Plot No. AF-III, Action Area-IA,  
Newtown, Rajarhat, Kolkata – 700156
2. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,  
Singareni Collieries Company Limited,  
Singareni Bhavan, PB No. 18, Red Hills,  
Khairatabad PO, Hyderabad, Telangana

**Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for  
Power Sector – SLC (LT) No. 06/2024**

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the approved Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) for Power Sector held on 22.08.2024 to consider the request for coal linkage to Central / State Sector power plants and to review the status of existing coal linkages / LoAs & other related matters.

Yours faithfully,



(Sudarshan Bhagat)

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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 Delhi	Member
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:

- (i) Coal Controller, Coal Controller Organization, Delhi
- (ii) Director (Technical), CIL, Kolkata
- (iii) GM (S&M), CIL, Kolkata
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Copy also to –

- 1. PS to Minister of Coal
- 2. PS to Minister of State for Coal
- 3. PSO to Secretary (Coal)
- 4. PPS to Additional Secretary (VT)
- 6. PPS to Joint Secretary (CPD)
- 7. PS to ED (CTC)
- 8. PS to Director, O/o the Nominated Authority
- 9. NIC, Ministry of Coal – with the request to upload the Minutes of the Meeting in the website of Ministry of Coal.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 6/2024**

Date & Time: 22.08.2024 at 6.15 P.M.

Venue: Conference Hall, Room No. 321 – A Wing, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

List of the participants is at the **Annexure**

**Agenda Item No. 1: Coal linkage to the State of Kerala under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI**

**Policy:** Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 21.08.2024 has recommended to earmark long - term coal linkage to the State of Kerala under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to tie-up 500 MW of power through coal-based capacity. Ministry of Power has stated that it has envisaged a requirement of around 80 GW of additional coal-based capacity in the country by FY 2031-32 and accordingly, it has requested the States including the State of Kerala, where Resource Adequacy studies have been completed to ensure 'Resource Adequacy' and urgently plan to meet the gap by either addition of new capacity, through its own resources or by floating power procurement bids under Tariff Policy, 2016 or Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy. Ministry of Power has stated that as per the Resource Adequacy Plan prepared by CEA, State of Kerala is required to have additional 1473 MW of coal-based thermal capacity by FY 2031-32, against which the availability is only around 400 MW and therefore, the State of Kerala is required to tie-up 1073 MW of additional thermal capacity by FY 2031-32 to meet their power requirement. Further, KSEBL has informed Ministry of Power that due to unusual growth in power consumption, State of Kerala requires 500 MW of power on an immediate basis.

Ministry of Power has informed that to meet the deficit, Government of Kerala is willing to tie-up 500 MW coal-based capacity on long-term basis through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding under SHAKTI Para B (iv) to balance its power purchase and financial position. Further, in order to carry out bidding for 500 MW of power, Government of Kerala has requested to earmark / allocate coal linkage for 500 MW under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy.

As per the timelines indicated by Ministry of Power, State of Kerala is planning to tie-up power from Operational / Under-Construction Capacity to be located anywhere in the country and the tenders for procurement of power is to be floated in January, 2025. The anticipated date of coal drawl has been indicated as August, 2025.

**Record of Discussion:** Representative of Government of Kerala informed that there is severe shortage of Power in the State of Kerala and considering the power demand, the State is required to urgently tie up 500 MW of power through coal-based capacity for long-term on an immediate basis. Government of Kerala informed that the cost of power procured by it on short-term basis is very high and accordingly, the State is willing to tie-up power on a long-term basis. Government of Kerala further stated that since the power requirement is on an immediate basis, hence, it will float the tender for procurement of power as soon the coal linkage is earmarked to the State and the coal drawl is expected to start in this financial year. It was further informed that the duration of the Power Purchase from the successful bidder shall be for 25 years.

Ministry of Power stated that it has recommended for earmarking of coal linkage under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the State of Kerala to tie-up 500 MW of power considering the Resource Adequacy studies, as per which the State of Kerala is required to have additional 1473 MW of coal-based thermal capacity by FY 2031-32, against which the availability is only around 400 MW and also considering the request from the State for the requirement of immediate tie-up of Power to meet the Power shortage in the State. Ministry of Power also stated that to meet the power requirement of the State, the Resource Adequacy Plan prepared by CEA for the State to tie-up additional thermal capacity by FY 2031-32 is required to be achieved. Ministry of Power informed that the State of Kerala has not made any request to it for earmarking / grant of coal linkage for the procurement of balance 573 MW of Power.

CEA recommended for earmarking of coal linkage under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the State of Kerala. NITI Aayog also recommended for earmarking of coal linkage under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the State of Kerala.

SCCL stated that it would not be able to offer coal linkage under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the State of Kerala.

Coal India Limited stated that coal can be offered from the available sources.

**Recommendations:** SLC (LT) recommended for earmarking of coal linkage from Coal India Limited for a capacity of 500 MW under Para (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the State of Kerala. Coal India Limited shall intimate the earmarked linkage with description to the State of Kerala with information to Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power. The tripartite agreements in terms of LoA / FSA may be entered into between concerned coal company, State Government and the successful bidder, as may be the case. This information shall also

be furnished to Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power. SLC (LT) also recommended that in case the TBCB gets delayed, then the same shall be informed by the State of Kerala to the coal company, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power.

**List of Participants**

**Ministry of Coal**

1. Ms Vismita Tej, Additional Secretary [In the Chair]
2. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Kassi, Joint Secretary (CPD)
3. Shri Rama Kant Singh, Executive Director (CTC)
4. Shri Sudarshan Bhagat, Deputy Secretary (CPD)

**Ministry of Power**

1. Shri Piyush Singh, Joint Secretary

**Ministry of Railways**

1. Shri Avinash Kumar Mishra, Executive Director (**Through VC**)

**Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**

1. Shri Vivek Pahwa, Under Secretary

**NITI Aayog**

1. Shri Jawahar Lal, General Manager (Energy) - (**Through VC**)

**Central Electricity Authority**

1. Shri Kumar Saurabh, Director
2. Shri Himanshu Katiyar, Assistant Director

**Coal India Limited**

1. Shri Mukesh Choudhary, Director (Marketing) - (**Through VC**)

**Representative of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited – through VC**

**Representative of Northern Coalfields Limited – through VC**

**Representative of South Eastern Coalfields Limited – through VC**

**Eastern Coalfields Limited**

1. Shri G. S. Mishra, General Manager (M & S)

**Representative of Western Coalfields Limited – through VC**

**Representative of Central Coalfields Limited – through VC**

**Representative of Bharat Coking Coal Limited – through VC**

**Singareni Collieries Company Limited**

1. Shri D. Ravi Prasad, GM (Marketing)

**NTPC Limited**

1. Shri Balaji B. Narare, CGM
2. Shri Sachin Agarwal, AGM (FM)

**Coal Controller Organization**

1. Shri Joginder Singh, OSD
2. Shri Ranvijay Singh, OSD

**Government of Kerala / KSEBL**

1. Shri Biju Prabhakar, CMD, KSEBL
2. Shri Dennis Rajan