

IMMEDIATE

No. CPD-23014/3/2025-CPD

Government of India

(भारत सरकार)

Ministry of Coal

(कोयला मंत्रालय)

Shastri Bhawan,

New Delhi, the 27th June, 2025

To

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

Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC (LT) No. 03/2025

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the approved Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) for Power Sector held on 29.05.2025 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)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

Tele. No. 011-23381536 / email – dircpd.moc@nic.in

Encl: (1)

Copy 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	Member

	Bhawan, New Delhi	
6.	Joint Secretary (Ports), Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, 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
- (iv) GM (S&M), CIL, Delhi

Copy also to –

- 1. PS to Minister of Coal
- 2. APS to Minister of State for Coal
- 3. PPS to Secretary (Coal)
- 4. PPS to Additional Secretary (SKJ)
- 6. PA to Joint Secretary (CPD)
- 7. 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 held on 29.05.2025 [SLC (LT) No. 03 / 2025]

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

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of the SLC (LT) for Power Sector held on 11.03.2025/ 13.03.2025.

Record of Discussion: There were no comments from any of the members.

Recommendations: Minutes of Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 11.03.2025/ 13.03.2025 is confirmed

Agenda Item No. 2: Extension of Bridge Linkage for Singareni Thermal Power Plant (STPP) Stage-I (2 x 600 MW) of SCCL:

SCCL vide letter dated 10.03.2025 has requested for extension of Bridge Linkage for Singareni Thermal Power Plant (STPP) 2 x 600 MW from mines of SCCL on tapering basis to meet the balance coal requirement. SCCL has stated that Naini Coal Mine in Odisha State was allotted by Ministry of Coal vide Order dated 13.08.2015 for SCCL 2 x 600 MW (Stage-I) and 1 x 600 MW 3rd Unit (Stage-II) as end use plant. SCCL has stated that coal production from Naini coal block will commence in FY 2025-26. SCCL has also stated that as per approved mining plan, the production target from Naini coal mine during first year of mining operations i.e. 2025-26 is 2.5 MT.

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 23.04.2025 has stated that both the units of STPP Stage-I (2 x 600 MW) are operational and Stage-II (1 x 800 MW) [Original capacity 600 MW] is expected to be commissioned by FY 2029-30. Ministry of Power has informed that Naini coal block (PRC=10 MTPA) is under development. Ministry of Power has recommended to consider the request of SCCL for extension of Bridge Linkage for Singareni Thermal Power Project (STPP) Stage-I (2 x 600 MW) in order to meet balance coal requirement and avoid the loss of generation.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 13.02.2024 had extended the Bridge Linkage for Singareni Thermal Power Plant (2 x 600 MW) of SCCL for a period of 1 year on tapering basis from SCCL.

Office of Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal vide O.M dated 08.04.2025 has informed that as per the mine plan, coal production from Naini coal mine was to start from FY 2021-22. Further, Nominated Authority has informed that Environmental Clearance, Forest Clearance Stage-I, Forest Clearance Stage-II (Conditional) and Mine Opening Permission has been granted.

Record of Discussions: Project Proponent (SCCL) stated that coal production from Naini coal mine was delayed due to Forest Clearance Stage-II and other social issues in the Naini coal block area. SCCL informed that the mining operations at the Naini coal block commenced on 16.04.2025 and the likely coal production from the Naini coal block for FY 2025-26 is 2.5 MT. SCCL also informed that coal dispatch from Naini coal block is expected to start in July, 2025. SCCL requested for extension of Bridge Linkage to meet the requirement of its operational Singareni Thermal Power Plant (STPP) Stage-I (2 x 600 MW).

Director (Nominated Authority), Ministry of Coal informed that there has been a delay in the production of coal from Naini coal mine, however, the coal production shall commence in FY 2025-26 and the expected coal production this year is 2.5 MT. Further, the PRC of 10 MT of Naini coal mine shall be reached in the 4th year from the start of mining operations. It was also informed that the proposal of SCCL for a swapping arrangement of 1.75 MTPA of coal from Naini coal mine with the coal linkage for North Chennai TPS of M/s Tamil Nadu Power Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TNPGL) in terms of the provisions of the CM (SP) Act, 2015 has been approved by the Government for a period of three years and in this arrangement, equivalent quantity of coal is to be supplied to STPP from SCCL's operational mines in Telangana.

NITI Aayog stated that production from Naini coal mine was scheduled in FY 2021-22 and the coal production has been delayed by 4 years by the project proponent. However, NITI Aayog recommended for the extension of Bridge Linkage to meet the requirement of the operational STPP Stage-I power plant (2 x 600 MW).

Ministry of Power and CEA recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage in order to avoid loss of generation from the operational STPP Stage-I (2 x 600 MW) linked with Naini coal mine.

SCCL stated that it can offer coal from its sources.

Recommendations: In view of the discussions held and the recommendations of Ministry of Power, SLC (LT) recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage to Singareni Thermal Power Plant (2 x 600 MW) of SCCL for a period of 1 year on tapering basis. The rate and source of coal supplies against the extended Bridge Linkage would be decided by SCCL.

Agenda Item No. 3: Extension of Bridge Linkage for NTPC's Tanda-II (2 x 660 MW): Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 23.04.2025 informed that Kerandari coal block was allocated by Ministry of Coal to NTPC on 08.09.2015 to meet the coal requirement of 2 x 660 MW Tanda TPS Stage-II. Ministry of Power has informed that coal production from Kerandari coal block started in January, 2024 and NTPC has achieved 2.0 MT coal production against the target of 1.5 MT in FY 2024-25. Further, Kerandari coal block is expected to attain its PRC of 6.0 MTPA by FY 2027-28. Ministry of Power has recommended to consider the request of NTPC for extension of Bridge Linkage for Tanda TPS-II (2 x 660 MW) of NTPC for the consideration of the SLC(LT) in order to avoid the loss of generation due to gap between the coal requirement of the power plant and the coal production quantities.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 13.02.2024 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage, from Coal India Limited, for NTPC's Tanda-II (2 x 660 MW) for a period of 1 year on tapering basis.

Record of Discussions: Project Proponent (NTPC) informed that Kerandari coal block was allocated to it in 2015 for the Specified End Use Plant Tanda TPS Stage-II (2 x 660 MW). However, mining operations got delayed. NTPC also informed that coal production had started in Kerandari coal block in FY 2023-24 and 2 MT of coal was produced from the mine in FY 2024-25 against the target of 1.5 MT. NTPC stated that both the units of Tanda TPS Stage-II are under commercial operation and, therefore, requested for extension of Bridge Linkage to meet the requirement of these operational power plants. `

Ministry of Power & CEA recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of Tanda TPS Stage-II for maintaining sustained generation in the linked power plants of Kerandari coal mine. NITI Aayog also recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage.

Director (Nominated Authority), Ministry of Coal informed that Mine Opening Permission for Kerandari coal mine was obtained on 13.01.2020 and the production from the mine has

commenced from FY 2023-24. It was also informed that as per the approved Mining Plan, the PRC of Kerandari coal mine is to be achieved in FY 2025-26.

Representative of CCO stated that PRC of Kerandari coal mine would be achieved in FY 2025-26 i.e. 3rd year from the start of mining operations and, therefore, the linked plants of Kerandari coal mine may not be eligible for any Bridge Linkage.

It was discussed that Bridge Linkage is provided to bridge the gap between requirement of coal of a specified end use plant of Central/ State PSUs and the start of production from the linked allotted coal mine. Therefore, in the case of linked plants of Kerandari coal mine, the request for extension of Bridge Linkage may not be acceded to as the PRC of the coal mine is expected to be achieved in FY 2025-26.

Recommendations: In view of the provisions of the Bridge Linkage Policy and considering the fact that PRC of Kerandari coal mine is to be achieved in FY 2025-26, extension of Bridge Linkage for NTPC's Tanda-II (2 x 660 MW) was not recommended.

Agenda Item No. 4: Extension of Bridge Linkage for PVUNL's (subsidiary of NTPC in JV with JBVNL) Patratu-I (3 x 800 MW):

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 23.04.2025 informed that Banharidh coal block was allocated by Ministry of Coal to PVUNL (subsidiary of NTPC in JV with JBVNL) on 25.06.2018 to meet the coal requirement of Patratu-I STPP (3 x 800 MW). Ministry of Power has stated that Unit-I of Patratu-I STPP is synchronized on 11.03.2025 and its CoD is expected by May, 2025 and further, CoD of Unit-II & III are expected by February, 2026 & July, 2026 respectively. Ministry of Power has informed that Banhardih coal block is under development and the constraints in the development of this block are R&R issues, Forest Clearance, Environmental Clearance and appointment of MDO. Ministry of Power has also informed that Banhardih coal block is expected to start production in FY 2026-27 and expected to attain its PRC of 12.0 MTPA by FY 2031-32. Ministry of Power has recommended to consider the request of NTPC for extension of bridge linkage for Patratu-I STPP (3 x 800 MW) for the consideration of the SLC (LT), so that, plant remain eligible to source start-up coal from CIL and meet the generation requirement post CoD of the units.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 13.02.2024 recommended extension of Bridge Linkage, from Coal India Limited, for PVUNL Patratu-I (3 x 800 MW) for a period of 1 year on tapering basis.

Record of Discussions: Project Proponent (NTPC) stated that production from Banhardih coal mine is delayed. It was informed that Unit-I of Patratu-I STPP is synchronized on 11.03.2025 and its CoD is expected by June, 2025. Further, CoD of Unit-II & III are expected by February/ March, 2026 & July, 2026 respectively

Director (Nominated Authority), Ministry of Coal informed that as per the Allotment Agreement, the scheduled date for commencement of coal production from Banhardih coal block was FY 2020-21. However, there has been a delay in the operationalization of the coal block and most of the clearances of the coal block are still pending.

Ministry of Power & CEA recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of PVUNL Patratu-I (3 x 800 MW). NITI Aayog also recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage.

Coal India Limited stated that it can offer coal from its sources as per the availability.

Recommendation: In view of the discussions held and the recommendations of Ministry of Power, SLC (LT) recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage from Coal India Limited for PVUNL Patratu-I (3 x 800 MW) for a period of 1 year on tapering basis. The rate and source of coal supplies against the extended Bridge Linkage would be decided by Coal India Limited.

List of Participants for the SLC (LT) Meeting held on 29.05.2025

Ministry of Coal

1. Shri Sanoj Kumar Jha, Additional Secretary [In the Chair]
2. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Kassi, Joint Secretary (CPD)
3. Shri Sudarshan Bhagat, Deputy Secretary (CPD)
4. Shri Marapally Venkateshwarlu, Director (T) (NA)

Ministry of Power

1. Shri Parveen Dudeja, Director

Ministry of Railways

1. Shri Pulkit, Director (Coal) (Through VC)

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

1. Shri Sh. P. Hauzel, Under Secretary

NITI Aayog

1. Shri Rajnath Ram, Advisor
2. Shri Ravi Kumar, Consultant

Central Electricity Authority

1. Shri Sanjay Jain, Chief Engineer
2. Shri Anurag Tiwari, Deputy Director

Coal India Limited

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

Mahanadi Coalfields Limited

1. Shri Arun Kumar Naik, Senior Manager (M&S)

Northern Coalfields Limited

1. Shri Saurabh Kumar, Manager (M&S)

South Eastern Coalfields Limited

1. Shri Deepakumar. K, Chief Manager (M&S)

Eastern Coalfields Limited

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

Western Coalfields Limited

1. Shri Anand Temurnikar, General Manager (M&S)

Central Coalfields Limited

1. Shri Surendra Pratap Yadav, Senior Manager (M&S)

Bharat Coking Coal Limited

1. Shri Hitesh Varma, General Manager (M&S)

Singareni Collieries Company Limited

1. Shri Surender Raju, General Manager (Through VC)

NTPC Limited

1. Shri KC Muraleedharan, CC-FM
2. Shri Sachin Agarwal, AGM(FM)

Coal Controller Organization

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