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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Coal**  
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,  
Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

To

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2. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,  
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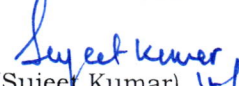
**Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector and Captive Power – SLC/LT No. 5/2018.**

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the approved minutes of the meeting of the SLC (LT) for Power Sector and Captive Power held on 21.12.2018 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.

Encls.- as above.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sujeet Kumar) 15/1/19  
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term)  
for Captive Power held on 21.12.2018**

S.No.	Issue	Summary of Discussion	Recommendations with reasons
<b>Agenda Item No. 1</b>	Confirmation of the minutes of the SLC (LT) meeting held on 09.08.2018.	There were no comments from any side.	Minutes of the SLC (LT) meeting held on 09.08.2018 are confirmed.
<b>Agenda item No. 2: Extension of Bridge Linkage coal to Nalco Unit 9 &amp; 10 (120 MW each)</b>	NALCO vide letter no. NBC/CC/2018/220 dated 27.09.2018 requested for extension of Bridge Linkage coal allotment to NALCO Unit 9 & 10 (120 MW each) for a further period of 3 years.  It has been stated that Utkal-D & Utkal-E coal mine were allotted to M/s NALCO on 02.05.2016. Due to unavoidable circumstances, NALCO could not stick to the commencement plan submitted to Ministry of Coal for the allotted coal blocks like constraints faced in forest clearances and Environment clearances, not transfer of Railway siding land to NALCO by IDCO, Non completion of mutation of R&R colony of Utkal-D in favor of NALCO, pending of approval of reduction of mining lease areas submitted by NALCO etc. Bridge linkage of the Unit 9 & 10 of NALCO CPP will expire on 01.05.2019.  It has been requested to favorably for extending	Project Proponent stated that Utkal-D and Utkal-E coal blocks were allocated to NALCO on 02.05.2016 and that due to change in the co-ordinates of Utkal-D coal block, a revised mining plan was submitted. As per the mining plan, mine opening permission is scheduled by March, 2020 and production from Utkal-D coal block is to commence from March, 2021.  The Project Proponent informed that the Bridge Linkage was for a quantity of 8.9 Lakh Tonnes per annum and that the production from the mine in the year 2021-22 shall be of 10 Lakh Tonnes, 15 Lakh Tonnes in the second year and 20 Lakh Tonnes in the third year.  The representative of the Administrative Ministry i.e. Ministry of Mines, stated that earlier the project	In view of the recommendation of the Administrative Ministry, which is Ministry of Mines, and subject to the condition that the Performance Guarantee, coal blocks development milestones etc. as agreed with the Nominated Authority shall be followed by NALCO and that these shall not be adversely affected due to the Bridge linkage extension recommendation, the SLC (LT) recommended extension of Bridge Linkage to NALCO Unit 9 & 10 (120 MW each) up to March, 2021 or from the actual date of start of production, whichever is earlier.

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<p>the Bridge Linkage coal for another 3 years @ 8.90 Lakh MT per year i.e. 02.05.2019 to 01.05.2022.</p> <p><b>Comments of M/o Mines:</b> Grounds for extension of Bridge Linkage furnished by NALCO cannot be stated as normal. M/o Coal is requested to continue with the same quantum of Bridge Linkage coal for another 3 years till Utkal-D coal block is made fully operational.</p> <p><b>Comments of CBA-II Section:</b> Allotment Order no. 103/34/2015/NA dated 02.05.2016 was issued to M/s NALCO for Utkal-D &amp; Utkal-E coal mine.</p> <p>SLC (LT) is to take a view in the matter.</p>	<p>proponent was OMC Ltd and then the mine was transferred to NALCO on 02.05.2016 and due to unavoidable circumstances, the mine development has got delayed. The representative of Ministry of Mines, therefore, recommended for extension of the Bridge Linkage to NALCO.</p>	
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<b>Agenda Item No. 3: Bridge Linkage for Power Stations of WBPDC.</b>	<p>West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDC) vide letters dated 22.06.2018 &amp; 19.07.2018 requested for Bridge Linkage from Coal India Limited for the Power Stations of WBPDC. Bridge Linkage has been requested for Santaldih Unit VI (250 MW), Sagardighi Unit III &amp; IV (2 x 500 MW) &amp; Bakreshwar TPP Unit VI (210 MW) and these units are linked with Kasta (East), Schedule-III, coal block allotted to WBPDC on 16.05.2016.</p> <p>With the permission of Chair, the matter was discussed in the SLC (LT) meeting held on 27.06.2018. SLC (LT) agreed 'in-principle' to allot Bridge Linkage to the end use plants linked with Kasta (East) &amp; Deocha - Pachami coal blocks and recommended that the case be processed separately on the file.</p> <p>When the case was processed separately on file, it was found that the EUPs for which BL was requested were also linked to 7 other</p>	<p>Project Proponent requested for Bridge Linkage for Santaldih Unit-VI (250 MW), Sagardighi Unit - III &amp; IV (2 X 500 MW) and Bakreshwar Unit-VI (210 MW) against the Kasta East coal block allocated to WBPDC. However, it was noted that the peak rated capacity of 7 Schedule-II coal blocks allotted to WBPDC is 23.5 MTPA and the end use plants of the Schedule-II and Schedule-III coal blocks are same. This information was provided by WBPDC. Total capacity of the end use plants of WBPDC linked with Schedule-II and Schedule-III coal blocks is 4860 MW and as per the norms of coal consumption, requirement of coal would be about 22.356 MTPA approximately. Hence, the total requirement of all the end use plants could be met by the Schedule-II coal blocks.</p> <p>Representative of Ministry of Power also agreed with the above observations.</p>	<p>SLC (LT) recommended that in view of the capacity of the Schedule-II coal blocks, the requirement of the End Use Plants and the provisions of Bridge Linkage policy, the Bridge Linkage to the Santaldih Unit-VI (250 MW), Sagardighi Unit - III &amp; IV (2 X 500 MW) and Bakreshwar Unit-VI (210 MW) of WBPDC cannot be considered at this stage. The project proponent may, however, submit proposal after linking specified capacity of the End Use Plants to Schedule III coal blocks only.</p>

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	<p>Schedule II mines in addition to the Schedule III mine.</p> <p>Also, there is no approved mining plan and hence the annual capacity of the Schedule III block i.e. Kasta (East), against which BL has been requested is also not known.</p> <p><b>Comments of M/o Power:</b> Ministry of Coal is requested to grant bridge linkage to Santaldih Unit VI (250 MW), Sagardihi Unit III &amp; IV (2 x 500 MW) and Bakreswar TPP Unit V (210 MW) of WBPDCCL for three years against Kasta East coal block.</p> <p><b>Comments of CBA-II Section:</b> Kasta (East) coal mine (Schedule-III) allotted to WBPDCCL vide allotment order no. 103/16/2015/NA dated 16.05.2016.</p> <p>SLC (LT) is to take a view in the matter.</p>		
<p><b>Agenda Item No. 4: Grant of Long Term Coal Linkage under SHAKTI Policy or Bridge Linkage for</b></p>	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 13.11.2018 have requested to consider grant of Long Term Coal Linkage under Para B (i) of the SHAKTI Policy, 2017 for the Udangudi STPP (2 x 660 MW)</p>	<p>Project Proponent stated that Chandrabila coal block has been allocated for Udangudi STPP (2 x 660 MW) and Ennore SEZ SCTPP (2 x 660 MW) projects of TANGEDCO and these</p>	<p>In view of the recommendation of Ministry of Power during the SLC (LT) that the Project Proponent may be granted a Bridge Linkage, the SLC (LT) recommended that</p>

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<p><b>the Power Plants of TANGEDCO</b></p>	<p>and Ennore SEZ SCTPP (2 x 660 MW) projects of TANGEDCO. As per the information provided by Ministry of Power, both these power plants are designed on blended coal i.e. 50% imported coal and 50% indigenous coal. In addition, Chandrabila coal block has been allocated to TANGEDCO without Ennore SEZ STPS (2 x 660 MW) and Udangudi STPP (2x660MW) as the end use plants. As development of Chandrabila coal block is uncertain due to lack of area for dumping the overburden, a Sub-Committee has been constituted by Ministry of Coal to look into the matter. As these TPPs have been allocated or linked to a coal block, these may be eligible for BL as per the Bridge Linkage Policy.</p> <p>Comments of CBA-I Section has been sought on the linked coal block for the aforesaid TPPs of TANGEDCO as well as the operational status of the linked coal block.</p> <p>SLC (LT) to take a view on the matter.</p>	<p>plants are designed on blended coal i.e. 50% imported coal and 50% indigenous coal. The project proponent informed that the development of coal block was getting delayed due to issues related to availability of land for overburden dumping of Chandrabila coal block. It was pointed out that the request of the Project Proponent was for linkage under SHAKTI B(i), however, the Project Proponent was already having a coal block allotted to it. The representative of Ministry of Power stated that their earlier recommendation was for grant of regular linkage. Now, in view of the policy provisions, M/o Power recommends grant of Bridge Linkage to Ennore SEZ STPS (2 x 660 MW) and Udangudi STPP (2x660MW) of TANGEDCO for which a revised recommendation letter has been sent today.</p>	<p>regular linkage under SHAKTI B (i) may not be considered for TANGEDCO's Udangudi STPP (2 x 660 MW) and Ennore SEZ SCTPP (2 x 660 MW). The Project Proponent may apply for the eligible capacity for Bridge Linkage in the prescribed format as per provisions of the Bridge Linkage Policy.</p>
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With the permission of Chair, the following proposals from Ministry of Power which were not listed in the agenda were also discussed.

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<p><b>Table Agenda Item No. 1: Enhancement of Long-term coal linkage for NTPC's Singrauli STPP-III expansion project from 2 X 660 MW to 2 X 800 MW</b></p>	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M No. FU-4/2018-IPC (Vol.I) dated 21.12.2018 requested for enhancement of long term coal linkage for Singrauli-III Expansion project from 2 X 660 MW to 2 X 800 MW to meet the growing requirement of cheaper and efficient power in the Country. Ministry of Power has further stated that the request of NTPC has been examined and recommended by Central Electricity Authority.</p>	<p>Project Proponent stated that SLC (LT) in its meeting dated 10.04.2018 had recommended long term coal linkage under SHAKTI B (i) for NTPC Singrauli STPP-III Expansion project (2 X 660 MW). The project proponent further stated that it has been decided to increase the unit size of this Super Critical Expansion project from 2 X 660 MW to 2 X 800 MW to take advantage of increased quantity of cheaper and efficient power from 800 MW size units.</p>	<p>In view of the recommendations of Ministry of Power and keeping in view that long term coal linkage was granted earlier for NTPC Singrauli STPP-III Expansion project of 2 X 660 MW capacity, the Committee recommended enhancement of coal linkage from CIL for the NTPC's Singrauli STPP-III Expansion project 2 X 800 MW from the earlier granted linkage for 2 X 660 MW capacity.</p>
<p><b>Table Agenda Item No. 2: Interchange of coal linkage of Barh Stage-I Unit # 2 &amp; 3 (2 X 660 MW) to Barh Stage-II Unit # 4 &amp; 5 (2 X 660 MW)</b></p>	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M No. FU-2/2018-IPC(Vol-IV) dated 14.09.2018 requested to allow the swap of linkage and bridge linkage between NTPC Barh Stage-I Unit # 2 &amp; 3 (2 X 660 MW) to NTPC Barh Stage-II Unit 4 &amp; 5 (2X660 MW).</p>	<p>Project Proponent stated that long term coal linkage is available for Stage-I (Unit 1 - 3) whereas Stage-II (Unit 4 &amp; 5) is having Bridge Linkage as these are linked with Chatti Bariatu and Chatti Bariatu South coal mine. Sizes of both Stage-I Unit 2 &amp; 3 (2 X 660 MW) and Stage-II Unit-4 &amp; 5 (2 X 660 MW) are same and both are located in the same premises. Further, the coal supply source is also the same. Project proponent further stated that commissioning of Barh Stage-I is delayed and as and when the captive coal block i.e. Chatti Bariatu is developed, coal from this mine can be</p>	<p>SLC (LT) observed that the request of the project proponent was for interchange of bridge linkage with a regular linkage. It was further deliberated that the purpose and the eligibility conditions for grant of Bridge linkage and a regular linkage are different. Thus, it was recommended that the request of interchange of the linkages of Barh Stage I and Barh Stage II units, as proposed by the project proponent, may not be considered.</p>

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		supplied to Stage-I Units 2 & 3 (2 X 660 MW). Representative of Ministry of Power stated that the request of the Project Proponent may be processed as per the provision of the extant policy.	
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