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**Government of India
Ministry of Coal**

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
September 12th, 2022

To

1. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
Coal India Limited (CIL), Coal Bhawan,
Plot No-AF-III, Action Area-1A,
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. 03/22

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the minutes of the meeting of the SLC (LT) for Power Sector held on 08.08.2022 to consider the requests for coal linkages to Central / State Sector Power Plants and to review the status of existing coal linkages/ LoAs & other related matters.

2. The Competent Authority has approved the recommendations of the SLC (LT) except for the recommendations for **Agenda Item No. 2, 3, 4 & 8**. The extension of Bridge Linkage for Agenda Item No. 2 [**Barauni TPS – II (2 x 250 MW)**], Agenda Item No. 3 [**Barh TPS-II (2 x 660 MW)**], Agenda Item No. 4 [**Tanda TPS Stage-II (2 x 660 MW)**] & Agenda Item No. 8 [**Harduaganj Extn TPP (1 x 660 MW)**] have been approved by the competent authority for a period of **1 year**.

Enclosure as above

Yours faithfully,

Sujeet Kumar
(Sujeet Kumar) 12/09/2022

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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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

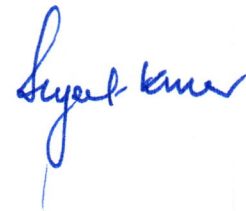
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8.	Director (Marketing), Coal India Limited	Member
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10.	Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Central Mine Planning & Design Instt Ltd., Gondwana Place, Kanke Road, Ranchi	Member
11.	Chairman, Central Electricity Authority, Sewa Bhawan, RK Puram, New Delhi	Member
12.	Chairman, NTPC, Scope Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003	Member

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- (i) Coal Controller, Coal Controller Organization, Kolkata
- (ii) Director (Technical), CIL, Kolkata
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6. PPS to Joint Secretary (CPD)
7. PS to Joint Secretary (P&S-I & II)
8. PS to Director (CPD)
9. NIC, Ministry of Coal – with the request to upload the Minutes of the Meeting in the website of Ministry of Coal



Enclosure

Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) [SLC (LT)] for Power Sector held on 08.08.2022 at 3.30 P.M - SLC (LT) No. 3/2022

Venue: Coal India Limited, Core 6, 6th Floor, Scope Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

List of the participants is at the Annexure.

At the outset, the participants to the meeting were welcomed. The discussions held on the various agenda items are as under:

<p>Agenda Item No. 1 – Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 29.03.2022.</p> <p>Record of Discussions: There were no comments from any member.</p> <p>Recommendations: Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 29.03.2022 are confirmed.</p>
<p>Agenda Item Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6: Bridge Linkage Extension to the Power Plants of NTPC</p> <p>The agenda items for Bridge Linkage Extension to the Power Plants of NTPC were taken up in the meeting of the SLC (LT) meeting held on 29.03.2022. O/o the Nominated Authority recommended during the meeting to defer the cases and in the meantime, it will review the development of coal blocks allocated to NTPC and will suggest accordingly. In view of the recommendation of O/o the Nominated Authority, SLC (LT) recommended to defer the cases. Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 04.07.2022 has requested to convene a meeting of the SLC (LT) to discuss the issues regarding Bridge Linkage to the NTPC Plants.</p>



2) Extension of Bridge Linkage to Barauni TPS – II (2 x 250 MW): Ministry of Power vide OM dated 16.03.2022 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for Barauni TPS – II (2 x 250 MW) for 5 years. Ministry of Power had stated that SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 18.11.2019 had recommended Bridge Linkage for 3 years from the date of transfer of Badam coal block to NTPC (date of transfer of Badam coal block was 02.09.2019).

Ministry of Power had also informed that Badam coal block is under development. The issues pending / constraints in development of the coal block are Forest Clearance, Land Acquisition, R&R, MDO appointment and Consent to Operate. Further, Badam coal block is expected to start production from FY 2023-24 and PRC of 3 MTPA will be achieved by FY 2026-27.

Record of Discussions: Project Proponent informed that Nominated Authority has already recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage against the Badam coal block. Project Proponent also stated that Barauni TPS-II (2 x 250 MW) is already operational.

Representative from O/o the Nominated Authority recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage in respect of the TPP as per the review with NTPC for production/operationalization of the coal blocks. Ministry of Power also recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage.

NITI Aayog suggested that, steps shall be taken for early operationalization of the coal blocks and considering the initial grant of Bridge Linkage for a period of 3 years, the extension may also be granted for a maximum of 3 years only. Coal

India Limited expressed its agreement to the suggestion of NITI Aayog that the maximum period of extension of Bridge Linkage shall not be more than 3 years.

It was discussed that Badam coal block is expected to start coal production in 2023-24. Considering the delay in operationalization of coal block, there has to be financial disincentives in the Bridge Linkages / extension of Bridge Linkages for the coal block allocattees so as to encourage faster and timely development of coal blocks.

Recommendations: In view of the discussions held, comments of NITI Aayog as well as the recommendation of Ministry of Power, SLC (LT) recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of NTPC for its Barauni TPS-II (2 x 250 MW) for a period of 3 years and shall be on tapering basis from 2023-24. The rates of coal supplies against the extended Bridge Linkages would be decided by Coal India Limited / SCCL.

3) Extension of Bridge Linkage to Barh TPS-II (2 x 660 MW):

Ministry of Power vide OM dated 16.03.2022 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for Barh TPS Stage-II (2 x 660 MW) for 4 years.

Ministry of Power had informed that Chatti Bariatu and Chatti Bariatu South coal block was allocated to NTPC on 08.09.2015. Ministry of Power had further informed that Chatti Bariatu and Chatti Bariatu South coal block is expected to start production from March'22. However, the issue of encroachment on Government and Forest Land still persist. MDO is already appointed. The mine is expected to attain PRC by FY 2025-26.



SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 10.04.2018 had recommended extension of Bridge Linkage to Barh TPS-II (2 x 660 MW) up to 2023 and shall be on tapering basis from 2018 to 2023 as per approved mining plan.

Record of Discussions: Project Proponent stated that Chatti Bariatu and Chatti Bariatu South coal block is operational and the production target for current FY is 2 MT.

Representative from O/o the Nominated Authority recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage in respect of the TPP. Ministry of Power also recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage.

NITI Aayog suggested that steps should be taken for early operationalization of the coal blocks and as expressed for Barauni TPS-II, the extension may be granted for a maximum of 3 years. Coal India Limited expressed its agreement to the suggestion of NITI Aayog that the maximum period of extension of Bridge Linkage shall not be more than 3 years.

It was discussed that there has to be financial disincentives in the extension of Bridge Linkages for the coal block allocattees so as to encourage faster and timely development of coal blocks.

Recommendations: In view of the discussions held, comments of NITI Aayog as well as recommendation of Ministry of Power, SLC (LT) recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of NTPC for its Barh TPS-II (2 x 660 MW) for a period of 3 years on tapering basis. The rates of coal supplies against the extended Bridge Linkages would be decided by Coal India Limited / SCCL.

4) Extension of Bridge Linkage of Tanda TPS Stage –II (2 x 660 MW):

Ministry of Power vide OM dated 16.03.2022 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for Tanda TPS Stage –II (2 x 660 MW) for 4 years. Ministry of Power had stated that Kerandari coal block was allocated to NTPC on 08.09.2015 to meet the requirement of Tanda Stage-II (2 x 660 MW). Ministry of Power had informed that Kerandari coal block is under development and issues pending / constraints in development of this coal block are Forest Clearance, Land Acquisition, R&R and MDO appointment. Ministry of Power had also informed that Kerandari coal block is expected to start production in FY 2022-23 and expected to attain PRC of 6 MTPA by FY 2025-26.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 10.04.2018 had extended the Bridge Linkage of Tanda TPS Stage –II (2 x 660 MW) up to 2022 and shall be on tapering basis from 2019 to 2022 as per approved mining plan.

Record of Discussions: Project Proponent stated that Kerandari coal block was allocated in 2015 and MDO has not been appointed yet. Further, there are law and order issues in the coal block area.

Representative from CEA stated that production from Kerandari coal block is expected next year and CMPDIL has been consulted by NTPC.

Representative from O/o the Nominated Authority recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage in respect of the TPP. Ministry of Power also recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage.

NITI Aayog suggested that steps should be taken for early operationalization of the coal blocks and as expressed for Barauni TPS-II, the extension may be granted

for a maximum of 3 years. Coal India Limited expressed its agreement to the suggestion of NITI Aayog that the maximum period of extension of Bridge Linkage shall not be more than 3 years.

It was discussed that there has to be financial disincentives in the Bridge Linkages / extension of Bridge Linkages for the coal block allocattees so as to encourage faster and timely development of coal blocks.

Recommendations: In view of the discussions held, comments of NITI Aayog as well as recommendation of Ministry of Power, SLC (LT) recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of NTPC for its Tanda TPS Stage –II (2 x 660 MW) for a period of 3 years on tapering basis. The rates of coal supplies against the extended Bridge Linkages would be decided by Coal India Limited / SCCL.

5) Extension of Bridge Linkage of Lara TPS (2 x 800 MW): Ministry of Power vide OM dated 16.03.2022 had requested for extension of Bridge Linkage for Lara TPS (2 x 800 MW) for 4 years or to achieve 8 MTPA of coal production from Talaipalli coal mine, whichever is earlier.

Ministry of Power had informed that Talaipalli coal block was allocated to NTPC on 08.09.2015. Presently, NTPC is facing issues with MDO assigned for development of coal block. MDO raised disputes over approved mining plan, which was later referred to CMPDI. Matter is sub-judice in Delhi High Court. However, Talaipalli coal block is under production. South pit within coal block is opened and has started production. Target for FY 2021-22 is 0.5 MT while its actual production till December, 2021 is 0.39 MT. NTPC has informed that they

have targeted to produce 6.0 MT of coal in 3 years i.e. FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-25.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 10.04.2018 had granted extension of Bridge Linkage for Lara TPS (2 x 800 MW) up to 2022 and shall be on tapering basis from 2019 to 2022 as per approved mining plan.

Record of Discussions: Project Proponent informed that on account of court case linked with the MDO, the achievement of PRC for the Talaipalli coal block is delayed. Ministry of Power and representative from O/o the Nominated Authority recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage.

NITI Aayog suggested that steps should be taken for early operationalization of the coal blocks and as expressed for Barauni TPS-II, the extension may be granted for a maximum of 3 years. Coal India Limited expressed its agreement to the suggestion of NITI Aayog that the maximum period of extension of Bridge Linkage shall not be more than 3 years. NITI Aayog recommended for Bridge Linkage on Tapering basis. It was discussed that considering the court case linked with the MDO, the progress on the production from coal block may be reviewed later.

Recommendations: SLC (LT) recommended to defer the case and to take up the matter in the next meeting of the SLC (LT).

6) Extension of Bridge Linkage for Darlipalli TPS (2 x 800 MW): Ministry of Power vide OM dated 16.03.2022 had requested for extension of Bridge Linkage for Darlipalli TPS (2 x 800 MW) for 1313 MW for 2 years.