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To

1. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
Coal India Limited (CIL), Coal Bhawan,
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Newtown, Rajarhat, Kolkata - 700156

2. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
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Khairatabad PO, Hyderabad,
Telangana

**Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector -
SLC (LT) No. 05/22**

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the approved minutes of the meeting of the SLC (LT) for Power Sector held on 28.10.2022 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.

Enclosure as above

Yours faithfully,

Sujeet Kumar
(Sujeet Kumar) 22/11/2022

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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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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Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) [SLC (LT)] for Power Sector held on 28.10.2022 at 3.00 P.M - SLC (LT) No. 5/2022

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:

Agenda Item No. 1: Coal linkage under SHAKTI B (v):

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 10.09.2022 has requested to arrange 26.69 MTPA of coal for Medium Term and 17.41 MTPA of coal for Long Term under SHAKTI B (v) and also to intimate the subsidiary-wise allocated coal linkage, so that tariff based competitive bidding for Long & Medium Term procurement of power can be done by PFC / PFCCL. Ministry of Power has stated that as per CEA, a requisition of 4460 MW for Medium Term and 2910 MW for Long Term has been received from various Central / State utilities. Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 11.10.2022 has also informed that the anticipated date of drawl of Power in respect of all the Central / State Utilities is April, 2023.

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 26.10.2022 has requested to include 250 MW Medium Term power requisition of New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) in the aggregated power demand of Central / State Utilities and to arrange 1.50 MTPA of coal linkage for Medium Term (3 years) under SHAKTI B (v). The anticipated date of power drawl is March, 2023.

Record of Discussions: Chairman SLC (LT) informed that the requests of Ministry of Power vide its O.Ms dated 10.09.2022 & 26.10.2022 would be discussed separately and to begin with, the request dated 10.09.2022 may be discussed first.

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Ministry of Power informed that it has received requests from 9 Central / States utilities and the aggregated power requirement of these Central / States utilities is 4460 MW for Medium Term and 2910 MW for Long Term. Ministry of Power also informed that the Medium Term requirement is termed for a period of 3 – 7 years whereas Long Term requirement is for a period of 7 years & beyond.

Central Electricity Authority (CEA) stated that as per the direction of Ministry of Power, PFC has done the aggregation of power demand of various States and based on the aggregation by PFC, eligibility & the coal requirement has been arrived at by CEA.

NITI Aayog opined that it has no objection to the requests of Ministry of Power under SHAKTI B (v) as it is as per the SHAKTI Policy.

Thereafter, views of Coal India Limited were sought, to which, Coal India Limited said that the schedule of power drawl of some states is given which is varying from 2023 to 2028. It was also stated by Coal India Limited that earmarking of coal linkages may not be possible unless the power drawl schedule for individual States is informed by Ministry of Power.

It was discussed that Ministry of Power subsequently conveyed that the anticipated date of drawl of Power in respect of all the Central / State Utilities is April, 2023. Ministry of Power was requested to confirm if the same is applicable for all the States. Representative of Ministry of Power could not confirm the same.

Ministry of Power was requested to clarify whether to move forward in tranches starting with the states having given the power drawl schedule or to take up the allocation agenda on receipt of details of all the states.

NITI Aayog suggested that the power drawal schedule of the various states and the commensurate coal requirement may be discussed by Ministry of Power with Coal India Limited separately, so that there is no ambiguity in the estimated

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commencement dates of supply and also in order to enable Coal India Limited to plan their coal production.

CEA stated that the power drawl schedule would be worked out by Ministry of Power & CEA for total allocation.

The other request dated 26.10.2022 of Ministry of Power to include 250 MW Medium Term power requisition of New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) in the aggregated power demand of Central / State Utilities for Medium Term (3 years) under SHAKTI B (v) was subsequently discussed. Para B (v) of SHAKTI Policy, 2017 and the subsequent amendment to it in SHAKTI Amendment in 2019 was read out. It was discussed that Para B (v) of SHAKTI Policy speaks about power requirement of Group of States. Accordingly, Ministry of Power was requested to confirm if NDMC can be considered as a State in terms of the SHAKTI Policy. It was discussed that SLC (LT) cannot interpret the provisions of SHAKTI Policy and Para B (v) of SHAKTI Policy clearly states about the power requirement of States. Ministry of Power informed that NDMC may not be categorized as a State.

NITI Aayog stated that Para B (v) is about power aggregation of States whereas the request of NDMC cannot be considered as a requirement of a State.

Recommendations: SLC (LT) recommended Ministry of Power to work out the power drawl timelines for all the States whose requirement has been aggregated. SLC (LT) recommended to consider the matter on receipt of details and request from Ministry of Power. SLC (LT) further clarified that the SHAKTI B (v) considers cases of States only.

Additional Agenda Item No. 1: Bridge Linkage Extension for UPRVUNL Power Plants: Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (UPRVUNL) vide letter dated 29.09.2022 has requested for time extension of Bridge Linkage for Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW) and Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) for further 6 years

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i.e. up to August' 2028, so that supply of coal to these Super Critical technology based Power plants can be ensured. Saharpur Jamarpani coal block allocated to UPRVUNL is linked to Harduaganj Ext TPP (1 x 660 MW), Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) and Panki Ext TPP (1 x 660 MW). UPRVUNL has informed that Harduaganj Ext TPP (1 x 660 MW) is in commercial operation from 09.02.2022. Further, Jawaharpur TPP (2 X 660 MW) and Obra 'C' TPP (2 X 660 MW) are scheduled to be operational in 2023 and coal for commissioning is required for these two TPPs. UPRVUNL has also informed that it is in the process of selection of MDO through NIT for the development of Saharpur Jamarpani coal block and the production of coal from the coal block is likely to commence in 2028.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 27.06.2018 extended Bridge Linkage to Harduaganj Ext TPP (1 x 660 MW), Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' TPS (2 x 660 MW) and Panki Ext TPP (1 x 660 MW) for a period of 4 years from the date on which Bridge Linkage expired (i.e. 13.08.2018 to 12.08.2022) and shall be tapered off in the subsequent years as per the approved mining plan. The matter of further extension of Bridge Linkage for the aforesaid TPPs was taken up in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 08.08.2022. In view the discussions held in the meeting of the SLC (LT) on 08.08.2022 and keeping in view that only Harduaganj Extn TPP (1 x 660 MW) is operational, SLC (LT) had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for Harduaganj Extn TPP (1 x 660 MW) for a period of 3 years. The Competent Authority in the Ministry of Coal has approved extension of Bridge Linkage for Harduaganj Extn TPP (1 x 660 MW) for a period of 1 year only.

Record of Discussions: While hearing UPRVUNL, it informed that NIT for the appointment of MDO has already been floated and the Technical Bid will be opened on 25.11.2022 and MDO shall be appointed by March – April, 2023. UPRVUNL has informed that Harduaganj Ext TPP (1 x 660 MW) is already in commercial operation. Further, Jawaharpur TPP (2 X 660 MW) and Obra 'C' TPP (2 X 660 MW) are

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scheduled to be operational in 2023 and coal for synchronization / commissioning is required for these two TPPs and CODs would be achieved by March, 2023 for these power plants. UPRVUNL also stated that production of coal from Saharpur Jamarpani coal block is likely to commence in 2028 and therefore, requested for time extension of Bridge Linkage for Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW) and Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) for further 6 years.

Ministry of Power informed that coal is required for commissioning of Jawaharpur TPP (2 X 660 MW) and Obra 'C' TPP (2 X 660 MW) and therefore, it has already recommended vide its O.M dated 21.10.2022 for extension of Bridge Linkage for Jawaharpur TPP (2 X 660 MW) and Obra 'C' TPP (2 X 660 MW) for 3 years in order to avoid delay in commissioning activities of these plants and for consequent energy security of the State.

NITI Aayog expressed concerns in delay in operationalization of coal blocks and opined that a road map has to be prepared by UPRVUNL to operationalize the coal block.

Representative from O/o the Nominated Authority stated that Saharpur Jamarpani coal block was allocated to UPRVUNL in August, 2015 and the coal production will take around 5 ½ years from the date the MDO starts the drilling activity. Moreover, UPRVUNL also did not come up for surrender of its coal block in the one time window provided to the PSU coal block holders for surrender of coal block without forfeiture of Performance Bank Guarantee.

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. SLC (LT) also considered that the matter of further extension of Bridge Linkage for the aforesaid TPPs of UPRVUNL was taken up in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 08.08.2022, wherein, SLC (LT) had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for Harduaganj Extn TPP (1 x 660

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