

IMMEDIATE

**No. CPD-23014/1/2023-CPD
Government of India
Ministry of Coal**

New Delhi, 07th February, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 1/2023

The undersigned is directed to say that the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector (SLC/LT No. 1/2023) 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 is scheduled to be held on **17.02.2023** at **11.30 A.M.** Venue for the meeting is Coal India Limited, Core 6, 6th Floor, Scope Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. Agenda item for the meeting is enclosed herewith.

2. It is, therefore, requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting.

Sujeet Kumar
(Sujeet Kumar) 7/2/2023
Under Secretary to the Government of India

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 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 (with the request to attend the meeting):

- i. Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal
- ii. Coal Controller, Coal Controller Organization, Kolkata

Copy also to:

- i. Director (Technical), Coal India Limited, Kolkata
- ii. GM (S&M), Coal India Limited, Kolkata
- iii. GM (S&M), Coal India Limited, Delhi

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- i. PSO to Secretary (Coal)
- ii. PPS to Additional Secretary (Coal)
- iii. PPS to Joint Secretary (CPD)
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- vi. NIC, Ministry of Coal - with the request to place it in the website of Ministry of Coal for information of all concerned.

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Agenda for the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) for Power Sector [SLC (LT) 1 / 2023

Agenda	Issue
Agenda Item No. 1: Bridge Linkage Extension for Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) of UPRVUNL	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 19.01.2023 has requested to consider the request of UPRVUNL for extension of Bridge Linkage for Panki Extension Thermal Power Plant (TPP) (1 x 660 MW) for a period of 3 years in order to avoid delay in commissioning activities of the unit and for the energy security of the State.</p> <p>Ministry of Power has informed that UPRVUNL is in the process of selection of MDO for its captive Saharpur Jamarpani coal block and NIT for the selection of MDO has been issued and production from mine is expected to commence in FY 2028 – 29.</p> <p>UPRVUNL vide letter dated 24.12.2022 had also requested for time extension of Bridge Linkage allocated for Panki TPP (1 x 660 MW) for a period of 6 years, so that supply of coal to the super critical technology based power plants can be ensured. UPRVUNL had also been requested to advise Coal India Limited to allocate commissioning coal for Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) at the earliest so that commissioning activities may not get delayed due to unavailability of coal. UPRVUNL has informed that Saharpur Jamarpani coal block allocated to UPRVUNL is linked to the End Use Plants (EUPs) of Harduaganj Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW), Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW), Obra ‘C’ TPP and Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) and Bridge Linkage of all the EUPs of Saharpur Jamarpani coal block has been extended till August, 2023 except Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW). Further, Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW)</p>

is also scheduled for commercial operation from July, 2023 and commissioning activities would commence in April, 2023.

The matter of extension of Bridge Linkage to EUPs of Saharpur Jarnarpani coal block was taken up in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 27.06.2018 and it was recommended to extend Bridge Linkage of Harduaganj Extn TPP (1 x 660 MW), Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) and Panki Extn TPP (1x 660 MW) for a further 4 years from the date on which Bridge Linkage expires (i.e. 13.08.2018 to 12.08.2022) and shall be tapered off in subsequent years as per 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 08.08.2021. 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 approved extension of Bridge Linkage for Harduaganj Extn TPP (1 x 660 MW) for a period of 1 year only. Further, SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 28.10.2022 recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW) and Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) for a period of 1 year only, which may be reviewed after a period of 1 year on the request of UPRVUNL, which were approved by the Competent Authority.

SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.

<p>Agenda Item No. 2: Extension of Bridge Linkage to NALCO Unit (9 & 10)</p>	<p>NALCO vide letter dated 21.11.2022 has requested for extending the Bridge Linkage for another period of 2 years i.e. from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2025 so that sustainable production and rated capacity utilization of its Aluminium Smelter Plant as well as its CPP can be sustained. NALCO has informed that it is facing constraints leading to delay in start of production from the allotted coal mines and it has not been able to stick to the commencement schedule due to several factors beyond the control of NALCO e.g. delays in obtaining forest clearances, environmental clearances, land acquisition, revising boundary co-ordinates besides unforeseen Covid Pandemic in 2020, 2021 & 2022.</p> <p>SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 01.09.2016 had granted Bridge Linkage from Coal India Limited to Unit 9 & 10 (120 MW each) of CPP of NALCO based on the allotment of Utkal D & Utkal E coal mines to NALCO vide order dated 02.05.2016. The matter of extension of Bridge Linkage was taken up in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.12.2018 and extension of Bridge Linkage was recommended to NALCO CPP Unit 9 & 10 (120 MW each) up to March, 2021 or from the actual date of start of production, whichever is earlier. Extension of Bridge Linkage was again taken up in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 04.02.2021 and SLC (LT) had recommended extension of Bridge Linkage to NALCO Unit 9 & 10 (120 MW each) upto 31.03.2023.</p> <p>Nominated Authority vide O.M dated 01.02.2023 has informed that the zero date has been modified from 02.05.2016 to 21.08.2020 and Mine Opening Permission has been obtained by NALCO for Utkal-D coal mine on 21.05.2021. Further, approved Mine Plan for Utkal D & E coal mine has been obtained on 14.02.2022, however, coal production has not started due to land and R&R issue.</p> <p>Comments of Ministry of Mines are awaited.</p> <p>SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.</p>
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Agenda Item No. 3: Long Term coal linkage to Kudgi TPS (3 x 800 MW) of NTPC	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 21.03.2022 had recommended long term coal linkage to NTPC Kudgi subject to surrender of Bhalumuda coal block and delinking of Kudgi TPS (3 x 800 MW) as End Use Plant, in order to avoid loss of generation from the said Power Plant. The matter of long term coal linkage for NTPC Kudgi TPS (3 x 800 MW) was taken up in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 29.03.2022. In the matter, SLC (LT) had recommended for continuation of Bridge Linkage of NTPC Kudgi TPS Stage-I (3 x 800 MW) till cancellation of the Bhalumuda coal block and post cancellation of the coal block, a grace period of 90 days window for continuing the Bridge Linkage was permitted.</p> <p>Thereafter, Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 13.09.2022 recommended the request of NTPC for grant of long term linkages to Kudgi TPS (3 x 800 MW) of NTPC under B (i) of SHAKTI Policy. Ministry of Power had stated that the linked coal block has been terminated and NTPC does not have long term linkage for its Kudgi TPS (3 x 800 MW) and is eligible to obtain long term linkage under B (i) of SHAKTI Policy.</p> <p>Surrender of Bhalumuda coal block has been accepted by Ministry of Coal and allocation of Bhalumuda coal block stands terminated from 24.08.2022.</p> <p>The matter was again deliberated in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.09.2022. In the meeting, SCCL had stated that taking into account the linkage requirement of Telengana TPS Ph-1 (2 x 800 MW) of NTPC, which also has a coal linkage from SCCL, the entire coal production of SCCL would be tied up and SCCL is not in a position to give long term coal linkage to Kudgi TPS (3 x 800 MW) of NTPC.</p> <p>Coal India Limited had also stated that the coal requirement of Kudgi TPS (3 x 800 MW) would be more than 10 MT and in view of the location of the power plant and logistics constraints, it would have to review the likely coal production and availability from its subsidiaries. Coal India Limited had also stated that it</p>
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can however offer coal from WCL cost plus sources if it is agreeable to NTPC. SLC (LT) recommended for continuation of Bridge Linkage of NTPC Kudgi TPS Stage-I (3 x 900 MW) till 31.03.2023 and in the meantime, NTPC and Coal India Limited may discuss the coal availability issues.

SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.