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Ministry of Coal

(कोयला मंत्रालय)

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New Delhi, the 9th June, 2023

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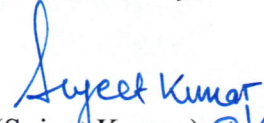
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- ii. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
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Khairatabad PO, Hyderabad, Telangana

Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC (LT) No. 02/23

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the approved minutes of the meeting of the SLC (LT) for Power Sector held on 21.04.2023 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.

Yours faithfully,


(Sujeet Kumar) 9/6/2023

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Minutes of the Meeting of the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) for Power Sector [SLC (LT) 2 / 2023]

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: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.02.2023

Record of Discussion: It was discussed that at Additional Agenda Item No. 6 of the Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.02.2023, SLC (LT) recommended for grant of coal linkage under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy to Unit 11 and 12 (2 x 660 MW) of Koradi TPS and Unit 10 (1 x 660 MW) of Chandrapur TPS of MAHAGENCO, however, the source of coal was not mentioned in the recommendation.

Recommendation: SLC (LT) recommended that the coal linkage to the Unit 11 and 12 (2 x 660 MW) of Koradi TPS and Unit 10 (1 x 660 MW) of Chandrapur TPS of MAHAGENCO is from Coal India Limited as the offer was confirmed by Coal India Limited during the last meeting. The Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.02.2023 stands modified to that extent.

Agenda Item No. 2: Extension of Bridge Linkage of Chhabra TPS Unit – 3 (250 MW), Kalisindh TPS Unit – 1 (600 MW), Suratgarh Supercritical TPP Unit 7 & 8 (2 x 660 MW) of Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL): RRVUNL vide letter dated 08.03.2023 has requested for further extension of 1 year of the Bridge Linkage to the plants of RRVUNL preferably from SECL / NCL against Parsa and Kente Extension coal blocks. RRVUNL has stated that deforestation and tree felling activity in Parsa coal block could not be initiated, inspite of all statutory approvals, due to agitation

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of local public. Further, necessary statutory approval for Kente Extension coal block are still pending.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 29.03.2022 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for 2170 MW capacity of End Use Plants of RRVUNL linked with Parsa and Kente Extension coal blocks [1 unit of Chhabra TPS Phase-II (250 MW); 1 unit of Kalisindh TPS (600 MW); Suratgarh TPS Unit 7 & 8 (2 x 660 MW)] for a period of 1 year. SLC (LT) had considered at that point of time that Parsa and Kente Extension coal blocks are not operational and the likely capacity of the power plants whose requirement could be met from the PRC of Parsa (5 MT) and Kente Extension (9 MT) coal blocks.

Parsa coal block is allotted to RRVUNL for the End Use Plants (i) Chhabra TPP Unit 3 – 6 (2 x 250 MW and 2 x 660 MW); (ii) Kalisindh TPP Unit 1 & 2 (2 x 600 MW) and (iii) Suratgarh Supercritical TPP Unit 7 & 8 (2 x 660 MW). O/o the Nominated Authority has informed that the coal production has not started in the Parsa coal block due to protests at the site.

Kente Extension coal block has been allocated to RRVUNL for the End Use Plants (i) Suratgarh Supercritical TPP Unit 7 & 8 (2 x 660 = 1320 MW) (ii) Chhabra Supercritical TPP Unit 5 & 6 (2 x 660 = 1320 MW). P&S-I Section has informed that the coal block is not under production.

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 28.03.2023 has recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of RRVUNL. Ministry of Power has stated that Parsa coal block is under development and the constraints in the development of the coal block are hindrances by anti-social people as well as deforestation, handing over of land and go ahead for mining awaited from Government of Chhattisgarh. Ministry of Power has also informed that Kente Extension coal block is under development and certain clearances are awaited.

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Record of Discussions: Project Proponent (RRVUNL) stated that most of the clearances for Kente Extension coal block is in the initial phases and the coal block is not under production. Further, Parsa coal block has all the requisite clearances in place, however, tree felling activities could not be initiated due to protests and agitation at the site by the local public. Thus, both these coal blocks viz. Parsa and Kente Extension, are not in production. RRVUNL also stated that in Parsa East & Kanta Basan (PEKB) coal mines also, production is going on in Stage-I only and tree cutting & OB removal permission is awaited for the Stage-II of the PEKB coal mines from Government of Chhattisgarh. RRVUNL requested for extension of Bridge Linkage for 4340 MW, capacity of all the End Use Plants of RRVUNL linked with captive coal mines, unlike last extension granted for a capacity of 2170 MW only in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 29.03.2022.

Representative from O/o the Nominated Authority informed that the Mine Opening Permission for Parsa coal mine was obtained in November, 2021 and all the permissions for the coal mine are in place. However, due to resistance from local public and NGOs, tree felling activities could not be initiated by RRVUNL. Further, Parsa and Kente Extension coal blocks are not in production. It was also informed that PRC of 15 MT of PEKB was achieved.

Coal India Limited stated that they have no issues in offering Bridge Linkage coal to the plants of RRVUNL, however, the scheduled production of PEKB should be factored in as most of the End Use Plants linked with PEKB, Parsa and Kente Extension coal blocks are common. Therefore, the scheduled coal production from PEKB coal mines must be taken into account and the likely capacity of power plants whose requirement is to be met from the PRC of PEKB.

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NITI Aayog stated that extension of Bridge Linkage may be considered as Parsa and Kente Extension coal blocks are not in production.

CEA stated that Parsa and Kente Extension coal blocks allotted to RRVUNL are not in production and keeping in view the status of PEKB coal mines as informed by RRVUNL, extension of Bridge Linkage of RRVUNL must be considered for the entire capacity of the End Use Plants.

It was discussed that Bridge Linkage cannot be considered against PEKB coal mines as these are Schedule-II coal mines and as per the policy of Bridge Linkage, Schedule-II coal mines are not eligible for Bridge Linkage. Further, PRC of 15 MT was already achieved for PEKB coal mines by RRVUNL and most of the End Use Plants linked with the coal blocks allotted to RRVUNL are common. It was discussed that SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 29.03.2022 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for 2170 MW capacity of End Use Plants of RRVUNL [1 unit of Chhabra TPS Phase-II (250 MW); 1 unit of Kalisindh TPS (600 MW); Suratgarh TPS Unit 7 & 8 (2 x 660 MW)] for a period of 1 year considering that Parsa and Kente Extension coal blocks are not operational and also the likely capacity of the power plants whose requirement could be met from the PRC of Parsa (5 MT) and Kente Extension (9 MT) coal blocks.

SLC (LT) deliberated on the views expressed by Coal India Limited that the scheduled coal production from PEKB coal mines must be taken into account while considering for the Bridge Linkage for the power plants of RRVUNL as most the End Use Plants of RRVUNL linked with the captive coal mines / blocks are common. It was discussed that 4340 MW capacity of the power plants of RRVUNL are linked with Parsa East & Kanta Basan, Parsa and Kente Extension coal mines / blocks allotted to RRVUNL. Further, PRC of Parsa East & Kanta Basan coal mines is 15 MT, which was achieved and the likely capacity

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of the End Use Plants of RRVUNL whose requirement is to be met from 15 MT of coal is around 3000 MW. Therefore, Bridge Linkage for a capacity of 1340 MW capacity of the End Use Plants of RRVUNL, after deducting the likely capacity of 3000 MW whose requirement is to be met from PEKB coal mines, may be considered.

Recommendation: In view of the discussions held, SLC (LT) recommended extension of Bridge Linkage for 1340 MW capacity of the End Use Plants of RRVUNL for a period of 1 year. The rates of coal supplies against the extended Bridge Linkage would be decided by Coal India Limited.

Agenda Item No. 3: Coal Linkage to the proposed 2 x 660 MW units at Hasdeo Thermal Power Station (HTPS) of Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Corporation Limited (CSPGCL): Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 10.02.2023 had requested to consider the request of Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Corporation Limited (CSPGCL) for grant of long term coal linkage to the proposed 2 x 660 MW units at Hasdeo Thermal Power Station (HTPS) under SHAKTI B (i) for consideration of the SLC (LT). It was mentioned that CSPGCL has planned to install 2 x 660 MW units at HTPS, Korba (West) and the units are also included by CEA as candidate plant in the proposed additional capacity requirement by the year 2029 – 30. Unit – 1 of HTPS is scheduled for commissioning from March, 2029 and Unit – 2 from March, 2030.

The matter was taken up in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.02.2023, however, as the project proponent was not present in the meeting, SLC (LT) recommended to defer the item to the next meeting of the SLC (LT).

Record of Discussions: Project Proponent (CSPGCL) stated that the existing power plants of Hasdeo Thermal Power Station (HTPS) of CSPGCL are to be scrapped by 2029-30. Further, Unit – 1 of HTPS is scheduled for commissioning

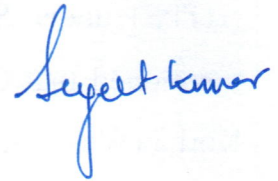
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from March, 2029 & Unit – 2 from March, 2030. Further, Detailed Project Report of the proposed units of HTPS have been prepared.

CEA stated that these proposed units of HTPS are brownfield projects and have been included as candidate plant in the proposed additional capacity requirement by the year 2029-30. CEA also stated that the candidate plants are the new capacity addition power plants to meet the power requirement of the country by 2029-30. CEA recommended for linkage under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy to the proposed units of HTPS.

Coal India Limited stated that it can offer coal from its sources.

Recommendations: In view of the recommendation of Ministry of Power / CEA, SLC (LT) recommended for grant of coal linkage to Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Corporation Limited (CSPGCL) Hasdeo Thermal Power Station (HTPS) Unit 1 & 2 (2 x 660 MW) under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy from Coal India Limited.

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