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Government of India
(भारत सरकार)
Ministry of Coal
(कोयला मंत्रालय)

Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi, the 07th March, 2024

To

1. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
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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. 03/2024

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the approved minutes of the meeting of the SLC (LT) for Power Sector held on 01.03.2024 / 04.03.2024 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,



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**Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term)
for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 3/2024**

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

Date & Time: 01.03.2024 and continuation meeting held on 04.03.2024.

List of the Participants is at the **Annexure**.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 13.02.2024.

Record of Discussion: There were no comments from any of the Members.

Recommendations: Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 13.02.2024 are confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2: Coal linkage to the State of Rajasthan & Maharashtra under B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy: Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 26.02.2024 has requested to earmark long term coal linkage to Rajasthan Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (RUVNL) / Government of Rajasthan under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to set up 3200 MW coal based thermal power plant through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB). Ministry of Power has informed that as per the resource adequacy plan prepared by CEA, State of Rajasthan is required to tie up 6072 MW of thermal capacity by FY 2031-32 and at present, 2120 MW of thermal capacity is under planning in the State of Rajasthan. Therefore, to meet the deficit, RUVNL / Government of Rajasthan is willing to set up 3299 MW coal-based capacity through TBCB under SHAKTI Policy Para B (iv), for which Government of Rajasthan has requested to earmark the coal linkage.

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 26.02.2024 has also requested to earmark long term coal linkage to Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (MSEDCL / MAHAVITARAN) / Government of Maharashtra under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to set up 1600 MW coal based thermal power plant through TBCB. Ministry of Power has informed that as per the resource adequacy plan prepared by CEA, State of Maharashtra is required to tie up 9700 MW of

thermal capacity by FY 2031-32 and at present, 660 MW of thermal capacity is under planning in the State of Maharashtra and 1980 MW of thermal capacity is under planning by MAHAGENCO. Therefore, to meet the deficit, MSEDCL / Government of Maharashtra is willing to set up 1600 MW coal-based capacity through TBCB under SHAKTI Para B (iv).

Record of Discussion:

State of Rajasthan: Ministry of Power stated that it has envisaged around 80 GW of additional coal-based capacity requirement in the country by FY 2031-32 and accordingly, it has requested the States where Resource Adequacy have been completed to ensure Resource Adequacy and urgently plan to meet the gap by either addition of new capacity, through its own resources or floating power procurement bids under Tariff Policy, 2016 or under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy, 2017. Ministry of Power informed that as of now, States of Rajasthan & Maharashtra have shown willingness to set up 3299 MW & 1600 MW coal-based capacity power plants respectively through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding under SHAKTI Policy Para B (iv).

Ministry of Power / CEA was requested to inform the reason for recommending only 3200 MW only for the State of Rajasthan, whereas, the State is willing to set up 3299 MW through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding under SHAKTI Policy Para B (iv). CEA informed that as per the present scenario, unit size of 800 MW is being promoted, therefore, the recommendation is for 3200 MW (4 x 800 MW) coal-based capacity thermal power plant only instead of 3299 MW.

It was discussed that coal linkages under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy are earmarked for fresh PPAs and the power plants which are already commissioned / likely to be commissioned may participate in the Tariff Based Competitive Bidding undertaken by the States under SHAKTI B (iv) to tie-up their untied PPA capacity, irrespective of the configuration of the power plants. Therefore, in case the recommendation of Ministry of Power is for 3200 MW only for the State of Rajasthan on account of the configuration of the

units i.e. 4 x 800 MW, then the State of Rajasthan may have to procure power for the balance 99 MW from other sources.

Considering the discussions, Ministry of Power recommended to earmark coal linkage to Rajasthan Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (RUVNL) / Government of Rajasthan under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy for 3299 MW.

Representative of Government of Rajasthan stated that considering the requirement of the State, Government of Rajasthan has requested to earmark coal linkage for 3299 MW under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy.

State of Maharashtra:

Representative of MSEDCL requested to earmark coal linkage for 1600 MW to the State under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy and stated that Tariff Based Competitive Bidding will be undertaken by the State within 2 years of earmarking coal linkage and the coal drawl shall also start within 3 years.

NITI Aayog recommended for earmarking of coal linkage under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the State of Rajasthan & Maharashtra.

SCCL stated that it would not be able to offer coal linkage under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to these States.

Coal India Limited indicated availability of coal which can be offered from the various subsidiaries for the above capacities recommended by Ministry of Power.

Recommendation: SLC (LT) recommended for earmarking of coal linkage from Coal India Limited for a capacity of 3299 MW & 1600 MW under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the States of Rajasthan and Maharashtra respectively. Coal India Limited shall intimate the earmarked linkage with description to the States of Rajasthan and Maharashtra with information to Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power. The tripartite agreements in terms of LoA / FSA may be entered into between concerned Coal company, State Government and the successful bidder, as may be the case. This information shall also be

furnished to Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power. SLC (LT) also recommended that in case the Tariff Based competitive Bidding gets delayed, then the same shall be informed by the States of Rajasthan and Maharashtra to the coal company, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power.

Additional Agenda Items

Additional Agenda Item No. 1: Extension of Bridge Linkage of Koradi (3 x 660 MW), Chandrapur (2 x 500 MW) & Parli (1 x 250 MW) Thermal Power Plants of MAHAGENCO: MAHAGENCO vide letter dated 21.02.2024 has requested for extension of Bridge Linkage of Koradi (3 x 660 MW), Chandrapur (2 x 500 MW) & Parli (1 x 250 MW) Thermal Power Plants of MAHAGENCO against the allotted coal mine Gare Palma Sector-II. MAHAGENCO has informed that National Green Tribunal (Central Zone, Bhopal Bench) vide Judgement dated 15.01.2024 has quashed the Environment Clearance (EC) for Gare Palma Sector – II coal mine and this has delayed the start of production from the coal mine.

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 28.02.2024 has requested to take up the request of MAHAGENCO for extension of Bridge Linkage of Koradi (3 x 660 MW), Chandrapur (2 x 500 MW) & Parli (1 x 250 MW) of MAHAGENCO for the consideration of SLC (LT) in order to avoid the loss of generation from the linked plants of Gare Palma Sector-II coal block. Ministry of Power has stated that Gare Palma Sector-II coal block is under development stage and the issues pending / constraints in development of the coal block are handing over of the forest land by the Government of Chhattisgarh to MAHAGENCO, quashing of EC by the NGT and delay in execution of mining lease.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 04.02.2021 recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage to Chandrapur Unit 8 & 9 (2 x 500 MW), Koradi Unit 8, 9 & 10 (3 x 660 MW) and Parli Unit 8 (250 MW) of MAHAGENCO till 31.08.2024.



Present Bridge Linkage to the linked units of Gare Palma Sector-II coal block is from Coal India Limited & SCCL and the Bridge Linkage is valid upto 31.08.2024.

Record of Discussion: MAHAGENCO (Project Proponent) stated that the National Green Tribunal (NGT) (Central Zone, Bhopal Bench) vide judgement dated 15.01.2024 has quashed the EC for Gare Palma Sector – II coal mine. Therefore, the process of obtaining EC for the coal mine shall have to be initiated afresh and accordingly, it is difficult to predict the start of coal production from the coal mine. It was also stated that it will take around 6-7 years for full fledged operation of the coal mine after start of coal production.

It was discussed that as per the information received from O/o the Nominated Authority, Gare Palma Sector – II coal mine is not operationalized so far and the scheduled date of coal production from the coal mine, with a PRC of 23.06 MT, was FY 2022-23. Further, MoEF&CC has conveyed the grant of Stage-II Forest Clearance to the Government of Chattisgarh and MAHAGENCO is yet to receive the final approval letter from the Forest Department. O/o the Nominated Authority has also informed that NGT, Bhopal vide Order dated 15.01.2024 has quashed the EC for the coal mine and has directed MoEF&CC for re-examination from stage of conducting Public consultation afresh.

Ministry of Power / CEA recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for the units linked with Gara Palma Sector-II coal block.

NITI Aayog also recommended from the extension of Bridge Linkage considering that the linked Gara Palma Sector-II coal block is not in production.

Coal India Limited stated that it can offer coal from its sources as per the availability.

It was discussed that Bridge Linkage to the linked units of Gare Palma Sector-II coal block i.e. Koradi (3 x 660 MW), Chandrapur (2 x 500 MW) & Parli (1 x 250 MW) Thermal Power Plants is from Coal India Limited & SCCL. SCCL

informed that it supplies Bridge Linkage coal to Parli TPP (250 MW) and 20% of the requirement of Koradi TPP (3 x 660 MW). It was discussed that Bridge linkage supplies to the linked units of Chandrapur TPP and 80% of the requirement of Koradi TPP (3 x 660 MW) are from Coal India Limited.

Recommendation: In view of the discussions held and the recommendation of Ministry of Power, SLC (LT) recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of Koradi (3 x 660 MW), Chandrapur (2 x 500 MW) & Parli (1 x 250 MW) Thermal Power Plants of MAHAGENCO for a period of 1 year. SLC (LT) also recommended that the existing proportion of Bridge Linkage coal supplies from Coal India Limited and SCCL shall continue. The rate & source of coal supplies against the extended Bridge Linkage would be decided by Coal India Limited and SCCL. .

Additional Agenda Item No. 2: Extension of Bridge Linkage of Rajasthan

Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL): Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL) vide letter dated 14.02.2024 has requested for extension of Bridge Linkage by another 1 year for the linked units of Parsa & Kente Extension coal mines. RRVUNL has informed that mining activity in Parsa coal block could not be initiated till date in spite of all statutory approvals due to delay in handover of forest land by Government of Chhattisgarh after tree felling activity. RRVUNL has also informed that necessary statutory approvals for Kente Extension coal block are still pending.

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 29.02.2024 has requested to place the request of RRVUNL for extension of Bridge Linkage for the consideration of the SLC (LT) in order to avoid the loss of generation in the 1340 MW capacity units linked with Parsa & Kente Extension coal blocks. Ministry of Power has informed that Parsa coal block, allocated to RRVUNL, is under development and the issues pending / constraints in development of the coal block is handing over of the forest land & go-ahead for mining by Government of Chhattisgarh. Ministry of Power has stated that the Parsa coal block is expected to start production from FY 2024-25. Ministry of Power has also

informed that Kente Extension coal block allocated to RRVUNL is under development and the issues pending / constraints in development of coal block are Environment Clearance, Forest Clearance and issues related to Land Acquisition / R&R.

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). Kente Extension coal block has been allocated to RRVUNL for the End Use Plants (i) Suratgarh Supercritical TPP Unit 7 & 8 (2 x 660 MW) (ii) Chhabra Supercritical TPP Unit 5 & 6 (2 x 660).

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 21.04.2023 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for 1340 MW capacity only of the End Use Plants of RRVUNL for a period of 1 year against the Parsa and Kente Extension coal blocks.

Present Bridge Linkage to the linked units of Parsa and Kente Extension coal blocks is from Coal India Limited and the Bridge Linkage is valid upto 27.04.2024.

Record of Discussion: RRVUNL (Project Proponent) stated that production Parsa East & Kanta Basan (PEKB) shall stop in another 3 months as the remaining land for coal mining has not been handed over by the State of Chhattisgarh (GoC). Further, for Parsa coal mine, forest land has not been handed over by the GoC, therefore, production has not commenced in the Parsa coal mine. In the case of Kente Extension coal block, it was informed that most of the clearances are awaited / in process and therefore, coal block is not in production. RRVUNL requested for extension of Bridge Linkage for the entire 4340 MW, capacity of all the End Use Plants of RRVUNL linked with the captive coal mines, against last extension granted for 1340 MW capacity only of the linked capacity in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.04.2023.

