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Government of India

(भारत सरकार)

Ministry of Coal

(कोयला मंत्रालय)

Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi, the 5th July, 2024

To

1. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
Coal India Limited,
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. 04/2024

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the approved minutes of the meeting of the SLC (LT) for Power Sector held on 11.06.2024 / 26.06.2024 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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8.	Director (Marketing), Coal India Limited	Member
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- (i) Coal Controller, Coal Controller Organization, Delhi
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9. NIC, Ministry of Coal – with the request to upload the Minutes of the Meeting in the website of Ministry of Coal.

Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 4/2024

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

Date & Time: 11.06.2024 at 3.30 P.M and continuation meeting held on 26.06.2024 at 5.00 P.M

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 01.03.2024 & 04.03.2024

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

Recommendations: Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 01.03.2024 / 04.03.2024 are confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2: Long-term coal linkage to Durgapur Thermal Power Station (1 x 800 MW) Ultra Super Critical Project of DVC:

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 10.04.2024 has requested to consider the request of DVC to grant coal linkage of 4.55 MTPA of thermal grade coal from Coal India Limited to the upcoming Durgapur Thermal Power Station (1 x 800 MW) Ultra Super Critical Project of DVC under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy. Ministry of Power has informed that DVC has planned to install 1 x 800 MW unit at the existing premises of Durgapur Thermal Power Station and the unit has been included by CEA as candidate plant in the proposed additional capacity requirement by the year 2029-30. Ministry of Power has also stated that the proposed Durgapur Thermal Power Station (1 x 800 MW) Ultra Super Critical Project of DVC is not linked with any captive coal block allocated to DVC.

Record of Discussion: Project Proponent (DVC) stated that the Durgapur Thermal Power Station (1 x 800 MW) Ultra Super Critical Project has been approved by its Board as brownfield project at the existing premises of Durgapur Thermal Power Station and requested for a fresh coal linkage. Project Proponent informed that CoD of the project is expected by January, 2029. DVC also stated that the Durgapur Thermal Power Station (1 x 800



MW) Ultra Super Critical Project of DVC are not linked with any captive coal block.

Ministry of Power stated that the unit has been included by CEA as candidate plant in the proposed additional capacity requirement by the year 2029-30 and recommended for grant of coal linkage under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy to the upcoming units of DVC. NITI Aayog also recommended for grant of fresh coal linkage

CEA stated that candidate plants are the new capacity addition power plants to meet the power requirement of the country. CEA further recommended for grant of coal linkage to the proposed units of DVC.

SCCL stated that it would not be able to supply coal to the unit of DVC.

Coal India Limited stated that it can offer coal to Durgapur Thermal Power Station (1 x 800 MW) Ultra Super Critical Project of DVC from available sources.

Representative from O/o the Nominated Authority confirmed that Durgapur Thermal Power Station (1 x 800 MW) Ultra Super Critical Project of DVC is not linked with any captive coal block.

Recommendation: In view of the recommendation of Ministry of Power, SLC (LT) recommended for grant of coal linkage to Durgapur Thermal Power Station (1 x 800 MW) Ultra Super Critical Project of DVC under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy from Coal India Limited. SLC (LT) also suggested that during the allocation of coal linkage from the subsidiaries, Coal India Limited may have consultations with Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ministry of Railways so that the linkages are allocated from sources based on coal availability and transportability.

Agenda Item No. 3: Extension of Bridge Linkage of Harduaganj Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW), Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) and Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) of UPRVUNL:

UPRVUNL vide letter dated 29.02.2024 has requested for extension of Bridge Linkage of the End Use Plants viz. Harduaganj Extension TPP (1 x

660 MW), Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) and Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) of Saharpur Jamarpani coal block of UPRVUNL for a further period of 5 years. UPRVUNL has informed that Harduaganj Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) is operational and CoD of one unit of Jawaharpur TPP & Obra 'C' TPP has been achieved. UPRVUNL has also stated that it is in the process of selection of MDO through NIT for the development of Saharpur Jamarpani coal block and the revised NIT for the selection of MDO was floated on 14.09.2023. However, due to non-participation of bidders, bid submission date was extended upto 22.03.2024. UPRVUNL has stated that production from Saharpur Jamarpani coal block is likely to commence in 2029.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 16.06.2023 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for the Harduaganj Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW), Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) & Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) of UPRVTINL for a period of 1 year. Bridge Linkage for the aforesaid units of UPRVUNL are valid upto 12.08.2024.

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 18.03.2024 has requested to consider the request of UPRVUNL for extension of Bridge Linkage of the End Use Plants linked to Saharpur Jamarpani coal block in order to avoid the loss of generation / delay in commissioning activities.

O/o the Nominated Authority has informed that Saharpur Jamarpani coal block is allocated to UPRVUNL under CMSP Act vide Allotment Order dated 13.08.2015 and the scheduled date of operationalization as per the Efficiency Parameters was 13.02.2021. O/o the Nominated Authority has also informed that exploration activity has not yet started in Saharpur Jamarpani coal block.

Record of Discussion: Project Proponent (UPRVUNL) stated that selection of MDO is in process and NLCIL has been appointed as consultant for bid process of MDO. However, due to no participation in the tender process for selection of MDO, bids were extended 6 times and later on, the tender was cancelled. Project Proponent also informed that revised NIT for selection of

MDO has been floated, however, due to non-submission of bids, bid submission and opening date has been extended.

Ministry of Power recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage in view of delays in the development of the Saharpur Jamarpani coal block and to avoid any loss of generation from the linked operational units of Saharpur Jamarpani coal block. CEA also recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage.

NITI Aayog recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage.

Representative from O/o the Nominated Authority stated that Saharpur Jamarpani coal block was allocated to UPRVUNL in May, 2015 and there have been no sincere efforts by UPRVUNL to develop the coal block.

Coal India Limited stated that it can offer coal from the available sources

Recommendations: In view of the discussions held and the recommendation of Ministry of Power, SLC (LT) recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for the Harduaganj Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW), Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) & Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) of UPRVUNL 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. 4: Coal linkage to the State of Karnataka under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy:

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 01.05.2024 has recommended to earmark long-term coal linkage to Government of Karnataka under SHAKTI Para B (iv) to tie up 2000 MW capacity through coal-based capacity, which will help in meeting the required addition of coal-based capacity in the country. Ministry of Power has stated that it has envisaged around 80 GW of additional coal-based capacity requirement by FY 2031-32 in the country and accordingly, it has requested the States where Resource Adequacy studies have been completed to urgently plan to meet the gap by either addition of new capacity, through its own resources or by floating power procurement bids under Tariff Policy, 2016 or under SHAKTI B (iv). As per

the Resource Adequacy Plan prepared by CEA, State of Karnataka is required to tie up additional 5140 MW of coal-based thermal capacity by FY 2031-32. Ministry of Power has stated that to meet the deficit, Government of Karnataka is willing to tie-up 2000 MW coal-based capacity through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB)s under SHAKTI B (iv).

Record of Discussion (held on 11.06.2024 and 26.06.2024): Ministry of Power informed that the power requirement of 2000 MW for the State of Karnataka is for long-term and the TBCB / identification of the successful bidder (s) shall be completed by the Government of Karnataka by December, 2024 and the anticipated date of CoD of the units of successful bidder (s) is FY 2026-27. Ministry of Power also informed that Government of Karnataka is planning to procure the power from the units which are under construction or through New Capacity creation, which may be a Brownfield / pithead Greenfield project. Further, the coal drawl by the successful bidder (s) shall start from FY 2026-27. Ministry of Power recommended for earmarking of coal linkage to the State of Karnataka under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy for 2000 MW.

Representative of Government of Karnataka informed that the power requirement of 2000 MW of the State from the earmarked linkage will be coming within 2 years, hence, the power shall be procured from the existing capacities. Accordingly, the coal drawl by the successful bidder (s) shall also start within 2 years.

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

It was discussed that there is an ambiguity on the schedule of power & coal drawl as indicated by the representative of Government of Karnataka vis-à-vis as informed through Ministry of Power in the meeting, and in view of this, it was agreed that the progress of the TBCB based on the linkage earmarked under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the State of Karnataka may be reviewed after a period of 1 year.

