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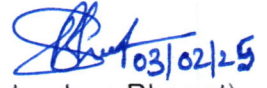
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi, the 03 February, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 1/2025

The undersigned is directed to say that the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector (SLC/LT No. 1/2025) to consider the requests for coal 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 **11.02.2025 at 4.00 P.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.


(Sudarshan Bhagat)
Deputy 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
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Copy to (with the request to attend the meeting):

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

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 (VT)
- iii. PPS to Joint Secretary (CPD)
- iv. PS to ED (CTC)
- v. PS to DS (CPD)
- vi. NIC, Ministry of Coal - with the request to place it in the website of Ministry of Coal for information of all concerned.

Encl: (1)

Agenda for the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 1/2025

Sl. No.	Issue
<p>Agenda Item No. 1: Coal linkage to the balance 140 MW (800 - 660) of Buxar Thermal Power Plant (TPP) Unit - 3 of SJVNL.</p>	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 02.12.2024 has recommended the request of SJVN Thermal (P) Ltd. (SJVNL) for grant of long term coal linkage for the enhanced capacity of 140 MW (800 MW- 600 MW) of Buxar Thermal Power Plant (TPP) Unit – 3 under Para B(i) of SHAKTI Policy. Ministry of Power has informed that SJVNL have explored the feasibility of installing 1x800 MW ultra-super critical unit at Buxar in place of 1x660 MW unit and decided to go-ahead with installing 1x800 MW at Buxar TPP. Further, the revised capacity of Buxar TPP has been included by CEA as a candidate thermal power plant in the proposed additional capacity requirement by FY 2031-32. Ministry of Power has also informed that the proposed project is non-pithead brownfield expansion project and is not linked with any captive coal mine.</p> <p>SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 16.06.2023 had recommended for grant of coal linkage under Para B(i) of SHAKTI Policy to Buxar TPP Stage – II, Unit – 3 (1x660 MW) of SJVNL.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 2: Coal linkage to the State of Bihar under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy</p>	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 24.01.2025 has recommended to earmark the long-term coal linkage to the Government of Bihar under SHAKTI Para B (iv) to tie-up power for 2400 MW through coal-based capacity in order to meet the required addition of coal-based capacity and mitigate the gap between increased demand and availability. Ministry of Power has stated that it has envisaged around 80 GW of additional coal-based capacity requirement in the country by FY 2031-32 and about 26 GW of coal-based plants are already under construction and accordingly, it has requested the States including the State of Bihar, 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 Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy. Further, Government of Bihar has informed that it has existing & planned contract of 8758 MW coal-based capacity up to FY 2033-34. Ministry of Power has also stated that as per the Resource Adequacy Plan prepared by CEA, a total 3000 MW of thermal capacity is required to be added by FY 2033-34 in Bihar's Power Portfolio as per Delayed Capacity Addition Scenario. Additionally, Ministry of Power has stated that the anticipated load growth for Metro systems and EV charging stations within the state is at least 500 MW by FY 2029-30, further, the shortfall in Short Term Open Access (STOA) in delayed capacity addition scenario is expected to be more than 4000 MW in FY 2033-34, which may be difficult to arrange from market at competitive rate and therefore, the total capacity requirement could exceed 4000 MW. Ministry of Power has stated that to meet the deficit,</p>

	<p>Government of Bihar is willing to tie-up 2400 MW coal-based capacity on long term basis through TBCB under Para B(iv) of SHAKTI Policy to balance its power purchase & financial position.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 3: Coal linkage to the State of Gujarat under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy</p>	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 02.12.2024 has requested that the validity of coal linkages earmarked to the State of Gujarat under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy be extended till 30.06.2026 for 2672 MW [3000 MW – 328 MW (already finalized under Tranche-I)]. Ministry of Power has stated that Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL) is under process of bidding in Tranche-II and therefore, coal linkage to the successful bidder (s) is necessary for supply of power to the State of Gujarat. Ministry of Power has informed that GUVNL has initiated the process of preparation of bidding documents for tie-up from New upcoming Thermal Capacity for long-term power procurement and from existing capacity for medium-term power procurement.</p> <p>SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 24.06.2019 had recommended earmarking of coal linkages under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy from Coal India Limited for the State of Gujarat for a capacity of 4000 MW. Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy states that the quantity remaining unutilized for 2 years continuously shall lapse. Coal linkages earmarked under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy were reviewed in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.09.2022. SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 21.09.2022 recommended for continuation of coal linkage earmarked to the State of Gujarat under SHAKTI B (iv) to the extent of power requirement to be procured through tariff-based bidding. SLC (LT) further recommended that FSA be signed by the successful bidders with the coal companies within 6 months of the date of issuance of the minutes of the meeting of the SLC (LT) and the balance quantity of coal linkage shall lapse. Additionally, SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 16.06.2023 had granted time extension for signing of FSAs with the successful bidders of the TBCB undertaken by GUVNL and had clarified that the recommendation is for 3000 MW only for which TBCB has been undertaken by GUVNL. SLC (LT) had also recommended that FSA be signed by the successful bidder (s) under SHAKTI B (iv) with the coal companies within 3 months of the date of issuance of the Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) and also clarified that the recommendation is only for 3000 MW only for which Tariff Based Bidding has been undertaken by GUVNL.</p> <p>Matter of extension of validity of coal linkage earmarked to the State of Gujarat under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy / timeline for signing of FSAs was last taken up in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 01.03.2024. During the meeting, Ministry of Power had informed that the 1st Tranche of TBCB for the procurement of power has been completed by GUVNL and in the first Tranche, 328 MW of power has been tied up. Further, the 2nd Tranche is under process and in this Tranche, 2700 MW shall be tied up by the State. CEA had stated in the meeting that signing of FSA with the successful bidders of both the Tranches shall be</p>

	<p>completed by June, 2024. SLC (LT) had recommended in the meeting that the FSA be signed with the successful bidders of the TBCB by 30.06.2024. There were no recommendations as regards discontinuation of the coal linkage earmarked for 3000 MW.</p>
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SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.