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**No. CPD-23014/2/2025-CPD**  
**Government of India**  
(भारत सरकार)  
**Ministry of Coal**  
(कोयला मंत्रालय)  
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Shastri Bhawan,  
New Delhi, the 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025

To

1. Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Coal India Limited, Coal Bhawan, Plot No. AF-III, Action Area - IA, Newtown, Rajarhat, Kolkata- 700156
2. Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Singareni Bhawan, PB No. 18, Red Hills, Khairatabad PO, Hyderabad, Telangana

**Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC (LT) No. 02/2025**

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the approved Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) for Power Sector held on 11.03.2025 / 13.03.2025 to consider the request for coal linkage 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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6.	Joint Secretary (Ports), Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Transport Bhawan, New Delhi	Member
7.	Executive Director, Coal, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi	Member
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 on 11.03.2025 / 13.03.2025 [SLC (LT) 2 / 2025]**

**Agenda Item No. 1:** Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 11.02.2025.

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

**Recommendations:** Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 11.02.2025 is confirmed.

**Agenda Item No. 2: Extension of Bridge Linkage to Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) of NUPPL:**

Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Limited (NUPPL) [a joint venture of NLC India Limited & UP Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited] vide letter dated 04.12.2024 has requested for allocation of 5.947 MT of Bridge Linkage coal for Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) for FY 2025-26 from NCL mines of Coal India Limited. NUPPL has stated that the linked coal mine for Ghatampur TPP is Pachwara South coal block (PSCB), which is expected to start coal production from FY 2025-26 and reach its PRC in FY 2029-30. Further, as per the mine production plan, scheduled coal production for FY 2025-26 is 1.68 MT. Considering the coal production plan of PSCB, there is a requirement of 5.947 MT coal in Bridge linkage as operational coal.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 01.03.2024/04.03.2024 had extended the Bridge Linkage of Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) for a period of 1 year on tapering basis.

P&S-I Section, Ministry of Coal vide O.M dated 16.01.2025 has informed that as per the mine plan, coal production from Pachwara South coal block was to start from FY 2023-24. However, coal production from the coal block has not started yet. Further, MoEF&CC had granted "In principal/Stage-I" approval for the diversion of forest land in relation to Pachwara South coal block, subject to certain conditions. In addition, following the submission of Forest Stage-I clearance, MoEF&CC has granted EC for Pachwara South coal block.

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 13.02.2025 has informed that Unit-I of Ghatampur TPP is commissioned and the COD for the Unit was achieved on 12.12.2024. Further, Unit-2 and Unit-3 are expected to be commissioned in March, 2025 and June, 2025 respectively. Ministry of Power has stated that the total coal requirement of Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) is around 7.39 MTPA (G-10 grade of coal) for FY 2025-26 and considering the estimated production of 1.68 MT from

Pachwara South coal block in FY 2025-26, the estimated shortfall would be around 5.71 MTPA. Ministry of Power has recommended to consider the matter of extension of Bridge Linkage of Ghatampur TPP to avoid loss of generation in the Units linked with Pachhwarra South coal block.

**Record of Discussions:** Project Proponent (NUPPL) stated that Unit-I of Ghatampur TPP is commissioned and COD of the Unit-1 is achieved. Further, Unit-2 & Unit-3 are expected to be commissioned in May, 2025 & October, 2025 respectively. NUPPL informed that commencement of coal production from Pachhwarra South coal block linked with Ghatampur TPP is expected in June, 2025 and the likely coal production from the coal block is 1.68 MT. Therefore, considering the expected coal production from the linked coal mine, Bridge Linkage coal is required for FY 2025-26 to operate the units of Ghatampur TPP. NUPPL requested that the allocation of Bridge Linkage coal be given from NCL sources as the design parameters of Ghatampur TPP are suitable for NCL coal.

CEA stated that coal requirement of Ghatampur TPP was calculated by it based on the earlier commissioning schedule of March, 2025 and June, 2025 for Unit-II & Unit-III respectively. However, since the expected commissioning of the Unit-II & Unit-III has been revised by NUPPL, the coal requirement for FY 2025-26 therefore needs to be re-worked.

Ministry of Power stated that the capacity of Ghatampur TPP is included in the planned coal-based capacity addition of the country and its progress is being reviewed by it. Considering the importance of the project, Ministry of Power recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for Ghatampur TPP.

Director (P&S-I), Ministry of Coal apprised the committee that Pachhwarra South coal block is not operational and the coal block is expected to start production in June, 2025. The likely production for FY 2025-26 is 1.68 MT.

Director (Marketing), Coal India Limited informed that considering the request of NUPPL, Bridge Linkage coal for Unit-1 of Ghatampur TPP was provided by Coal India Limited from NCL sources. However, going forward, Coal India Limited is not in a position to offer any further Bridge Linkage coal for Ghatampur TPP from NCL sources as the capacity of NCL is already tied up. However, Bridge Linkage coal may be offered from other sources of CIL as per the availability.

**Recommendations:** In view of the discussions held, SLC (LT) recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) of NUPPL for a period of 1 year on tapering basis. The rate and source of coal supplies against the extended Bridge Linkage would be decided by Coal India Limited.

#### **Additional Agenda Items**

**Additional Agenda Item No. 1: Coal linkage to the State of Uttarakhand under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy:** Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 10.03.2025 has recommended to earmark long-term coal linkage to the Government of Uttarakhand under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to undertake Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding to set up 1320 MW of coal-based Thermal Power Plant. Ministry of Power has stated that it has envisaged a requirement of around 80 GW of additional coal-based capacity in the country by FY 2031-32 and accordingly, Ministry of Power has requested the States where Resource Adequacy studies have been completed, including the State of Uttarakhand, 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 Policy Para B (iv). Ministry of Power has stated that as per the Resource Adequacy plan prepared by CEA, State of Uttarakhand is required to tie-up around 1181 MW of coal-based thermal capacity by FY 2029-30 and further around 697 MW by 2034-35 to meet its energy demand. Government of Uttarakhand has requested Ministry of Power to earmark coal linkage for 1320 MW under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to undertake TBCB for tie-up of power. Ministry of Power has informed that Government of Uttarakhand is planning to complete the identification of successful bidder by June, 2025 and the coal drawl is expected to start from FY 2028-29.

**Record of Discussions:** Representative of Government of Uttarakhand (GoUK) informed that as per the Resource Adequacy plan of CEA, the State of Uttarakhand is required to tie-up around 1181 MW of coal-based thermal capacity by FY 2029-30 and further around 697 MW by FY 2034-35 to meet its energy demand. However, at present, there is already a gap in meeting the energy requirement of the State and therefore, GoUK is willing to tie-up 1320 MW of power to meet its future energy requirement through Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) to be undertaken by the State with the earmarked coal linkage under SHAKTI B (iv). GoUK informed that they have already floated a tender for procurement of 500 MW power through TBCB for medium-term. However, the State is willing to secure its energy requirement through long-term power procurement for a 25 years period, preferably with a new coal-based power plant. Although, the power may be also procured from the existing capacities of the coal-based power plants. GoUK also informed the



committee that the process for long-term power procurement shall be initiated immediately upon earmarking of coal linkage and the coal drawl is expected to start from FY 2029-30.

Ministry of Power recommended for earmarking of coal linkage under SHAKTI Para B (iv) to the State of Uttarakhand. Ministry of Power stated that in case the State of Uttarakhand procures Power from a power plant established in a State having a host State Policy, then to meet the coal requirement corresponding to the earmarked capacity under SHAKTI B (iv), additional coal would be required.

It was discussed that in such cases, the coal requirement of the plant, corresponding to the earmarked capacity, may be calculated by CEA considering the coal requirement for additional power generation. It was discussed that this additional coal shall be supplied by the coal companies to that extent, as calculated by CEA. It was further discussed that appropriate information in this regard may be provided to the bidders at the time of bidding. This shall be applicable to only those cases where tendering has not been initiated by the State Governments under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy, which shall be examined on case-to-case basis by the SLC (LT).

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

Coal India Limited stated that coal can be offered from the available sources.

**Recommendations:** SLC (LT) recommended for earmarking of coal linkage from Coal India Limited for a capacity of 1320 MW under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the State of Uttarakhand. Coal India Limited shall intimate the earmarked linkage with description to the State of Uttarakhand with information to Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power. The tripartite agreements in terms of LoA / FSA may be entered into between the concerned coal company, State Government and the successful bidder, as may be the case. This intimation shall also be furnished to Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power. SLC (LT) also recommended that in case the TBCB gets delayed, then the same shall be informed by the State of Uttarakhand to the coal company, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power.

**Additional Agenda Item No. 2: Coal linkage to the State of Maharashtra under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy:** Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 13.03.2025 has requested to earmark long-

term coal linkage to the Government of Maharashtra under SHAKTI Policy Para B(iv) to set up 1600 MW coal-based Thermal Power Plant. Ministry of Power has stated that it has envisaged a requirement of around 80 GW of additional coal-based capacity in the country by FY 2031-32 and accordingly, Ministry of Power has requested the States where Resource Adequacy studies have been completed, including the State of Maharashtra, 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 Policy Para B (iv). Ministry of Power has stated that as per the Resource Adequacy Plan prepared by CEA, State of Maharashtra has already planned 5452 MW coal-based thermal capacity. Further, State of Maharashtra is required to tie-up additional around 2329 MW of coal-based thermal capacity by FY 2034-35 to meet its demand reliably. Ministry of Power has informed that presently in State of Maharashtra, around 4240 MW of additional coal-based capacity is already under pipeline i.e. 1 x 660 MW Bhusawal TPP is under construction, 2 x 660 Koradi TPP & 1 x 660 MW Chandrapur TPP are under planning and 1600 MW through TBCB (Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding) against the earlier coal earmarked under SHAKTI B (iv) in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 01.03.2024 / 04.03.2024. Ministry of Power has stated that in addition to capacity mentioned above, to meet the deficit, Government of Maharashtra is willing to set up 1600 MW coal based capacity through TBCB under SHAKTI Policy Para B(iv).

**Record of Discussions:** Representative of MSEDCL stated that the present requirement of tying up 1600 MW of coal-based thermal capacity through Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding with the coal linkage under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy is over & above the earlier earmarked coal linkage to the State of Maharashtra for 1600 MW under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy, and only after considering the shortfall capacity, the State has further planned to tie-up additional around 2329 MW of coal-based thermal capacity by FY 2034-35. It was also stated that power can be procured from a power plant which may be located within the State or Outside.

Ministry of Power recommended for earmarking of coal linkage under SHAKTI Para B (iv) to the State of Maharashtra to set up 1600 MW coal-based Thermal Power Plant. Ministry of Power stated that in case the State of Maharashtra procures Power from a power plant established in a State having a host State Policy, then to meet the coal requirement corresponding to the earmarked capacity under SHAKTI B (iv), additional coal would be required.



It was discussed that in such cases, the coal requirement of the plant, corresponding to the earmarked capacity, may be calculated by CEA considering the coal requirement for additional power generation. It was discussed that this additional coal shall be supplied by the coal companies to that extent, as calculated by CEA. It was further discussed that appropriate information in this regard may be provided to the bidders at the time of bidding. This shall be applicable to only those cases where tendering has not been initiated by the State Governments under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy, which shall be examined on case-to-case basis by the SLC (LT).

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**Recommendations:** SLC (LT) recommended for earmarking of coal linkage from Coal India Limited for a capacity of 1600 MW under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the State of Maharashtra. Coal India Limited shall intimate the earmarked linkage with description to the State of Maharashtra with information to Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power. The tripartite agreements in terms of LoA / FSA may be entered into between the concerned coal company, State Government and the successful bidder, as may be the case. This intimation shall also be furnished to Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power. SLC (LT) also recommended that in case the TBCB gets delayed, then the same shall be informed by the State of Maharashtra to the coal company, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power.





**List of the Participants of the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 11.03.2025**

**Ministry of Coal**

1. Ms Vismita Tej, Additional Secretary [In the Chair]
2. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Kassi, Joint Secretary (CPD)
3. Shri Rama Kant Singh, Executive Director (CTC)
4. Shri Ajitesh Kumar, Director (P&S I & II)
5. Shri Sudarshan Bhagat, Deputy Secretary (CPD)

**Ministry of Power**

1. Shri Piyush Singh, Joint Secretary

**Ministry of Railways**

1. Shri Avinash Mishra, Executive Director (Coal)

**Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**

1. Shri Rajesh Asati, Deputy Secretary (Through VC)

**NITI Aayog**

1. Shri Ravi Kumar, Consultant

**Central Electricity Authority**

1. Shri Sanjay Jain, Chief Engineer

**Coal India Limited**

1. Shri Mukesh Choudhary, Director (Marketing)

**Mahanadi Coalfields Limited**

1. Shri A.K. Lakra, General Manager (M&S)

**Northern Coalfields Limited**

1. Shri D.K. Maitin, General Manager (M&S)

**South Eastern Coalfields Limited**

1. Shri T.S Behera, General Manager (M&S)

**Eastern Coalfields Limited**

1. Shri P.K. Mishra, General Manager (M&S)

**Western Coalfields Limited**

1. Shri Anand Temurnikar, General Manager (M&S)

**Central Coalfields Limited**

1. Shri Surendra Pratap Yadav, Senior Manager (M&S)

**Bharat Coking Coal Limited**

1. Shri Nishant Kumar Virmani, Senior Manager (M&S)
2. Shri Dev Kumar Verma, Senior Manager (M&S)

**Singareni Collieries Company Limited**

1. Shri Surender Raju, General Manager (Through VC)

**NTPC Limited**

1. Shri Balaji B. Narare, Executive Director
2. Shri Sachin Agarwal, AGM

**Coal Controller Organization**

1. Shri Joginder Singh, OSD

**Government of Uttarakhand**

1. Shri Anil Kumar Yadav, Managing Director, UPCL
2. Shri Ajay Kumar Aggarwal, Director (Project)
3. Shri Sudhir Kumar Singh

**Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Limited**

1. Shri S. Durai Kumar, Chief Executive Officer
2. Shri S. Jayaprakash, Deputy General Manager



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1. Ms Vismita Tej, Additional Secretary [In the Chair]
2. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Kassi, Joint Secretary (CPD)
3. Shri Ajitesh Kumar, Director (P&S I & II)
4. Shri Sudarshan Bhagat, Deputy Secretary (CPD)

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1. Shri Piyush Singh, Joint Secretary

**Ministry of Railways**

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**Singareni Collieries Company Limited**

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**NTPC Limited**

1. Shri Balaji B. Narare, Executive Director

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1. Shri Ranvijay Kr. Singh, OSD

**MSEDCL**

1. Shri. Yogesh M. Gadkari, Director (Commercial) (Through VC)

