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(भारत सरकार)

Ministry of Coal

(कोयला मंत्रालय)

Shastri Bhawan,

New Delhi, the 30th June, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 4/2025

The undersigned is directed to say that the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector (SLC/LT No. 4/2025) to consider the requests for coal linkages to States / Central Sector Power Plants and to review the status of existing coal linkages / LoAs and other related matters is scheduled to be held on **04.07.2025 at 10.00 A.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.

(Pradeep Raj Nayan)

Under 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	Member

Copy to (with the request to attend the meeting):

- i. Director (P&S-I), Ministry of Coal
- ii. Coal Controller, Coal Controller Organization, Kolkata

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

Copy for information to:

- i. PSO to Secretary (Coal)
- ii. PPS to Additional Secretary (VT)
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- 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. 04/2025.

Sl. No.	Issue
<p>Agenda Item No. 1: Coal linkage to the State of Tamil Nadu under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy:</p>	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 20.05.2025 has requested to consider the following:</p> <p>a) to cancel the long-term coal linkage allocated to Ennore TPS Expansion project under SHAKTI B (i) without forfeiture of Bank Guarantee, if any.</p> <p>b) to consider the request of Government of Tamil Nadu and earmark the long-term coal linkage to the Govt. of Tamil Nadu/TNPGCL under SHAKTI B (iv) for conducting TBCB to develop and procure 660 MW of power from stranded Ennore TPS Expansion project.</p> <p>Ministry of Power has stated that Ennore TPP Expansion (1 x 660 MW) of TNPGCL (Erstwhile TANGEDCO) is a stranded project, which is at under construction stage and Government of Tamil Nadu / TNPGCL has envisaged to develop Ennore TPS Expansion (1 x 660 MW) from "as is where is basis condition" through Public - Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Ministry of Power has also stated that the coal linkage granted under Para B (i) of the SHAKTI Policy is only for Central / State Gencos and cannot be utilized for projects awarded through TBCB. Therefore, TNPGCL has requested for surrender of coal linkage granted to its Ennore TPS Expansion (1 x 660 MW).</p> <p>Ministry of Power has stated that as per Resource Adequacy Plan prepared by CEA, State of Tamil Nadu has planned contracts for 6486 MW from Thermal Capacity till FY 2029-30. Further, the State is required to tie-up additional 7000 MW from Thermal Capacity till FY 2034-35. Ministry of Power has informed that Planned Capacity of 6486 MW comprises of 03 under construction TPPs of State GENCO (TNPGCL) i.e. North Chennai Thermal Power Plant (Stage III) Project (1 x 800 MW), Udangudi Thermal Power Project Stage-I (2 x 660 MW) and Ennore SEZ Supercritical Thermal Power Project (2 x 660 MW). However, 02 stranded under construction TPPs of TNPGCL i.e. Ennore Expansion TPS (1x660 MW) & Uppur STPP U1&2 (2 x 800 MW) are not included in 6486</p>

	<p>MW planned capacity. Thus, to meet the required 7000 MW of additional coal base capacity, Government of Tamil Nadu / TNPGL has now decided to develop the project through PPP route.</p> <p>Ministry of Power has also informed that the Ennore TPS Expansion (1 x 660 MW) plant is non-pithead brownfield expansion project</p> <p>Considering 50% domestic coal requirement as per the plants design, SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 16.08.2024 had recommended for grant of coal linkage to 50 % of the installed capacity of Udangudi Stage-I (2 x 660 MW) from SCCL and 50 % of the installed capacity of Ennore TPS Expansion (1 x 660 MW) and Ennore SEZ (2 x 660 MW) of TANGEDCO from Coal India Limited. TNPGL vide letter dated 31.05.2025 has informed that Coal India Limited in their letter dated 21.05.2025 has accepted the surrender of coal linkage for Ennore TPS Expansion (1 x 660 MW).</p> <p>The Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 has been issued by Ministry of Coal on 20.05.2025. Under the Revised SHAKTI Policy, coal linkage to a State is earmarked under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Policy as per their request and on the recommendation of Ministry of Power.</p> <p>SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 2: Coal linkage to the State of Assam under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy:</p>	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 20.05.2025 has requested to consider the request of Government of Assam and to earmark long-term coal linkage to the Government of Assam under Window-I of Revised SHAKTI Policy 2025 for conducting Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) to procure 3483 MW of Power.</p> <p>Ministry of Power has stated that around 97 GW of additional coal based capacity shall be required by FY 2034-35 in the country to meet the expected demand and about 34 GW of coal based plants are already under construction. Further, Ministry of Power has requested the States where RA studies have been completed, including the State of Assam, to ensure "Resource Adequacy" and urgently plan to meet the gap by either addition of new capacity, through its own resources or by floating power procurements bids under Tariff Policy, 2016 or under SHAKTI Policy.</p> <p>Ministry of Power has been informed by APDCL that Government of Assam is intending to establish a 2 x 1000 MW and a 2 x 800 MW (total 3600 MW) thermal power plant in the State. APDCL has</p>

	<p>requested Ministry of Power to earmark / allocate the coal linkage for 3600 MW under Para B (iv) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy.</p> <p>Ministry of Power has stated that as per the Revised Resource Adequacy Plan for Assam (2025-26 to 2035-36) prepared by APDCL in consultation with CEA, State of Assam is required to have an additional coal based capacity of 3483 MW by 2035-36 in optimistic scenario. Ministry of Power has also stated that as per the information furnished by the Assam, anticipated tie up of 3600 MW will be from Greenfield project with a condition that project is to be set in the State of Assam.</p> <p>The Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 has been issued by Ministry of Coal on 20.05.2025. Under the Revised SHAKTI Policy, coal linkage to a State is earmarked under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Policy as per their request and on the recommendation of Ministry of Power.</p> <p>SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 3: Coal linkage to the State of Gujarat under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy:</p>	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 26.05.2025 has requested to consider the request of Government of Gujarat and earmark the long-term coal linkage to the Government of Gujarat under Window-I of the Revised SHAKTI Policy 2025 for conducting Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) to procure 4000 MW of power to meet the required thermal capacity tie-up under Alternate Resilient case scenario.</p> <p>Ministry of Power has stated that as per revised Resource Adequacy Plan of State of Gujarat / GUVNL for FY 2034-35 prepared by CEA, present contracted capacity of the State of Gujarat / GUVNL from Coal / Lignite sources is 15484 MW. Further, State of Gujarat / GUVNL is required to have 17905 MW of Projected Contracted Thermal Capacity by FY 2034-35 in base case scenario and 24574 MW of Projected Contracted Thermal Capacity by FY 2034-35 in Alternate Resilient case scenario (High Demand, delayed RE addition). Thus, around 9090 MW of coal-based capacity is required to be tied-up to meet the Alternate Resilient case scenario. Out of 9090 MW, GUVNL has informed that 4667 MW has been tied-up with upcoming projects of GSECL & other generators. Further, to meet the balance 4423 MW, Government of Gujarat / GUVNL has planned to tie-up 4000 MW through conducting TBCB.</p> <p>Ministry of Power has stated that to minimize the Energy charges rate (ECR) & to meet the gap of thermal capacity requirement under Alternate Resilient case scenario, State of Gujarat / GUVNL is actively considering to tie-up 4000 MW of power on domestic coal</p>

	<p>at notified price. Thus, Government of Gujarat requested for allocation of fresh coal linkage for 4000 MW under Para B (iv) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy, for ensuring energy security of the State.</p> <p>Ministry of Power has also stated that presently, coal linkage for 638 MW is earmarked to State of Gujarat under Para B(iv) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy, 2017. Out of 638 MW, successful bidder has been identified for 328 MW & power supply has been started. Further, for 310 MW, GUVNL has invited the tender for power procurement. However, same is being closed & no successful bidder has been identified.</p> <p>Coal linkage earmarked to the State of Gujarat under Para B (iv) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy was last discussed in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 11.02.2025. SLC (LT) noted that out of 3000 MW earmarked, FSA has already been signed for 328 MW, and coal drawl has commenced. With respect to the coal linkage earmarked to the State of Gujarat corresponding to 310 MW only, SLC (LT) had recommended that the FSA to be signed by the successful bidder of TBCB 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 corresponding to 2362 MW [3000 – (328 + 310)] shall lapse.</p> <p>The Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 has been issued by Ministry of Coal on 20.05.2025. Under the Revised SHAKTI Policy, coal linkage to a State is earmarked under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Policy as per their request and on the recommendation of Ministry of Power.</p> <p>SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 4: Coal linkage to the State of Madhya Pradesh under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy:</p>	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 10.06.2025 has requested to consider the request of Government of Madhya Pradesh and earmark the long term coal linkage under Window-I of Revised SHAKTI Policy 2025 for balance 1000 MW coal based capacity as Government of Madhya Pradesh has already signed PPA with NTPC Gadawara Stage-II for 800 MW, out of 1800 MW coal-based capacity.</p> <p>Ministry of Power has stated that as per the Resource Adequacy plan of CEA for the State of Madhya Pradesh for the period of 2024-25 to 2034-35, State is required to tie up additional 5,900 MW of coal based thermal Power capacity by 2034-35 to meet rising power demand of the State. Ministry of Power has stated that SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 27.11.2024 had recommended earmarking of</p>

	<p>coal linkages under Para B (iv) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy from Coal India Limited to the State of Madhya Pradesh for a capacity of 4100 MW. Ministry of Power has also stated that Government of Madhya Pradesh has requested to earmark coal for remaining coal-based thermal capacity of 1800 MW under Para B(iv) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy.</p> <p>Ministry of Power has informed that State of Madhya Pradesh has signed PPA with NTPC Gadarwara Stage-II (2 x 800 MW) and as per PPA, 50% of installed capacity of NTPC Gadarwara Stage-II i.e. 800 MW is expected to be allocated to State of Madhya Pradesh. However, this capacity has not taken into consideration in CEA's final report on resource adequacy plan for the State of Madhya Pradesh for the period of 2024-25 to 2034-35.</p> <p>SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 03.01.2024 has recommended for coal linkage to NTPC Gadarwara Stage -II (2 x 800 MW) under Para B (i) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy.</p> <p>The Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 has been issued by Ministry of Coal on 20.05.2025. Under the Revised SHAKTI Policy, coal linkage to a State is earmarked under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Policy as per their request and on the recommendation of Ministry of Power.</p> <p>SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.</p>
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