

IMMEDIATE

No. CPD-23014/4/2025-CPD

Government of India

(भारत सरकार)

Ministry of Coal

(कोयला मंत्रालय)

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Shastri Bhawan,

New Delhi, the 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2025

To

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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. 04/2025**

Sir,

In continuation to Ministry of Coal letter of even no. dated 01.08.2025 on the subject mentioned above (copy enclosed), I am directed to say that the recommendation of the SLC (LT) for Agenda Item No. 6 and Additional Agenda Item No. 1 have been approved by the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



(Sudarshan Bhagat)

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**Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC (LT) No. 04/2025**

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) for Power Sector held on 29.07.2025 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.

2. The recommendation of the SLC (LT) in respect of Agenda Item No. 2, 3, 4 & 5 have been approved by the Competent Authority. Recommendation of the SLC (LT) on Agenda Item No. 6 and Additional Agenda Item No. 1 are under examination.

Yours faithfully,

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) for Power Sector held on 29.07.2025 [SLC (LT) No. 04/2025]**

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

**Agenda Item No. 1:** Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of the SLC (LT) for Power Sector held on 29.05.2025.

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

**Recommendations:** Minutes of Meeting of the SLC(LT) held on 29.05.2025 is confirmed.

**Agenda Item No. 2: Coal linkage to the State of Tamil Nadu under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy:**

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 20.05.2025 has requested to consider the following:

- 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.
- b) to consider the request of Government of Tamil Nadu and earmark the long-term coal linkage to the Government 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.

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).

Ministry of Power has stated that as per Resource Adequacy Plan prepared by CEA, State of Tamil Nadu has planned contracts for 6,486 MW from Thermal Capacity till FY 2029-30. Further, the State is required to tie-up additional 7,000 MW from Thermal Capacity till FY 2034-35. Ministry of Power has informed that Planned Capacity of 6,486 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 TNPGL i.e. Ennore Expansion TPS (1x660 MW) & Uppur STPP U1&2 (2 x 800 MW) are not included in 6,486 MW planned capacity. Thus, to meet the required 7,000 MW of additional coal-based capacity, Government of Tamil Nadu/ TNPGL has now decided to develop the project through PPP route.

Ministry of Power has also informed that the Ennore TPS Expansion (1 x 660 MW) plant is non-pithead brownfield expansion project.

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).

The Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 has been issued by Ministry of Coal on 20.05.2025. Under provisions of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, coal linkage to a State is earmarked under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Policy as per request of the State and on the recommendation of Ministry of Power.

**Record of Discussions:** Representative of Government of Tamil Nadu/ TNPGL stated that they have surrendered the coal linkage that was allocated to Ennore TPS Expansion project under Para B(i) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy and the surrender has been accepted by Coal India Limited. TNPGL informed that the Ennore TPS Expansion (1 x 660 MW) plant is non-pithead brownfield expansion project and is 100% domestic coal-based power plant. TNPGL requested to earmark long-term coal linkage to the Government of Tamil Nadu/ TNPGL under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy for conducting Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) to develop and procure 660 MW of power from stranded Ennore TPS Expansion project. TNPGL also stated that coal linkage from SCCL coal mines (other than Naini coal mine in Odisha of SCCL) is not preferable due to high cost of coal, which results in high landed cost of coal.

CEA informed that considering 50% of domestic coal requirement as per the plants design, coal linkage was granted earlier for 50% of the installed capacity of Ennore TPS Expansion (1 x 660 MW) under Para B(i) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy. However, TNPGL has now planned to develop the power plant based on 100% domestic coal. CEA also stated that the coal linkage has been recommended based on the Resource Adequacy Plan accepted by the State of Tamil Nadu.

Ministry of Power stated that Ennore TPS Expansion power plant is a brownfield project and recommended for earmarking of coal linkage to the State of Tamil Nadu under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025.

NITI Aayog, Ministry of Railways and NTPC recommended for earmarking of coal linkage to the State of Tamil Nadu, subject to fulfilment of the conditions of the Revised SHAKTI Policy. Ministry of Railways also stated that rail route for coal supplies from SCCL is congested and in case the coal linkage is from SCCL sources, TNPGL will have to immediately take up with the Railways for necessary augmentation of railway infrastructure.

SCCL stated that its Naini coal mine, located in the State of Odisha, is linked to Singareni Thermal Power Plant (2 x 600 MW and 1 x 800 MW) as End Use Plants (EUPs) and, currently, 2 units of 600 MW each are in commercial operation and considering the coal requirement of the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> unit (800 MW), it would not be able to offer long term coal linkage from Naini coal mine to the State of Tamil Nadu. SCCL also stated that it would not be able to offer coal linkage from its other sources.

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

**Recommendations:** In view of the recommendation of Ministry of Power and keeping in view the provisions of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, SLC(LT) recommended for earmarking of coal linkage for a capacity of 660 MW from Coal India Limited under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 to State of Tamil Nadu. Coal India Limited shall identify and intimate the coal source to the State indicating the quantity, likely mode of dispatch and representative quality of coal. Successful bidder(s) shall be identified by State of Tamil Nadu/ TNPGL within 1 year from the date of earmarking of coal linkage, failing which the earmarked coal linkage may lapse.

**Agenda Item No. 3: Coal linkage to the State of Assam under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy:**

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 17.06.2025 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 3,483 MW of Power.

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 power plants are already under construction. It was further stated that Ministry of Power has requested the States where RA (Resource Adequacy) 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 procurement bids under Tariff Policy, 2016 or under SHAKTI Policy.

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 3,600 MW) thermal power plant in the State. APDCL has requested Ministry of Power to earmark / allocate the coal linkage for 3600 MW under Para B (iv) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy.

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 3,483 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 3,600 MW will be from greenfield project with a condition that project is to be set in the State of Assam.

The Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 has been issued by Ministry of Coal on 20.05.2025. Under the provisions of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, coal linkage to a State is earmarked under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Policy as per request of the State and on the recommendation of Ministry of Power.

**Record of Discussions:** Project Proponent (APDCL) informed that the demand for power in the State of Assam is growing at around 11%, which is driven primarily by expansion of commercial activities, increase in residential buildings and the existing contracted capacities of the State are inadequate to meet the power demand. Further, the power demand would also rise further in view of the projects which will be materializing in the future. APDCL stated that as per the Revised Resource Adequacy Plan for Assam prepared by APDCL in consultation with CEA, State of Assam is required to have an additional coal-based capacity of around 6,000 MW by FY 2035-36. APDCL informed that Government of Assam intends to procure power through Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) from greenfield thermal power plants to be set up in the State of Assam (4 x 800 MW). APDCL requested to earmark the coal linkage under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 for conducting TBCB. APDCL also informed that NF Railways has conveyed in writing that it would handle the coal transportation for the proposed thermal power plants in the State.

Ministry of Power informed that as per the methodology of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025, the Greenfield thermal power project shall be eligible for coal linkage under the Revised SHAKTI Policy, if they are established near pithead. Further, the Empowered Committee may allow exemption/ relaxation to any Greenfield thermal power projects from the above condition,



on a case-to-case basis. The methodology dated 17.07.2025 finalized by the Empowered Committee for allocation/ earmarking of coal linkage under Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 has authorized SLC(LT) to grant coal linkage to all such Greenfield power projects which are proposed to be established in the coal source State or in the adjoining State, preferably within a radial distance of 300 km from the coal source, without referring to the Empowered Committee. Ministry of Power recommended to earmark coal linkage to the State of Assam under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 to procure 3,200 MW of Power, subject to the condition that in case the radial distance of the Greenfield power projects to be identified through TBCB, is more than 300 km from the coal source, then the State Government would have to seek exemption from the Empowered Committee. The earmarked coal linkage would operate only after the exemption is granted by the Empowered Committee.

CEA stated that as per the Resource Adequacy Plan prepared by CEA for the State of Assam and accepted by the State of Assam, the State is witnessing High Demand Scenario for Power. Further, the State of Assam has planned to procure Power from the 4 x 800 MW greenfield thermal power projects to be set up in the State of Assam. CEA recommended for earmarking of coal linkage to the State of Assam for 3,200 MW, subject to the condition of seeking exemption from the Empowered Committee in case radial distance of the greenfield thermal power project is more than 300 km from the coal source.

NITI Aayog, Ministry of Railways and NTPC recommended for earmarking of coal linkage to the State of Assam, subject to fulfilment of the conditions of the Revised SHAKTI Policy.

SCCL stated that it would not be able to offer coal linkage. Coal India Limited stated that coal can be offered from the available sources.

SLC(LT) deliberated upon the requirement of radial distance of the greenfield thermal power projects and was of the view that the same can be ascertained only when the locations of the power plants and the coal source are finalized. However, it is most likely that in the case of the greenfield thermal power projects to be set up in the State of Assam, the radial distance is more than 300 km from the coal source.

**Recommendations:** In view of the recommendation of Ministry of Power and keeping in view of the provisions of the Revised SHAKTI Policy and the methodology dated 17.07.2025, SLC(LT) recommended for earmarking of coal linkage for a capacity of 3,200 MW from Coal India Limited under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy to State of Assam subject to the condition that the State of Assam shall seek exemption from the Empowered Committee

in case the radial distance of the Greenfield thermal power projects to be identified through TBCB is more than 300 km from the coal source. The earmarked coal linkage would operate only after the exemption is granted by the Empowered Committee. Coal India Limited shall identify and intimate the coal source to the State indicating the quantity, likely mode of dispatch and representative quality of coal. Successful Bidder(s) shall be identified by the State of Assam/APDCL within 1 year from the date of earmarking of coal linkage, failing which the earmarked coal linkage may lapse.

**Agenda Item No. 4: Coal linkage to the State of Gujarat under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy:**

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 26.05.2025 has requested to consider the request of Government of Gujarat and earmark 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 4,000 MW of power to meet the required thermal capacity tie-up under Alternate Resilient case scenario.

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 15,484 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 24,574 MW of Projected Contracted Thermal Capacity by FY 2034-35 in Alternate Resilient case scenario (High Demand, delayed RE addition). Thus, around 9,090 MW of coal-based capacity is required to be tied-up to meet the Alternate Resilient case scenario. Out of 9,090 MW, GUVNL has informed that 4,667 MW has been tied-up with upcoming projects of GSECL & other generators. Further, to meet the balance 4,423 MW power requirement, Government of Gujarat/ GUVNL has planned to tie-up 4,000 MW through conducting TBCB. Thus, Government of Gujarat has requested for allocation of fresh coal linkage for 4,000 MW under Para B(iv) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy, for ensuring energy security of the State.

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 and power supply has been started. For 310 MW, GUVNL has invited tender for power procurement. However, same is being closed and no successful bidder has been identified.

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 3,000 MW earmarked coal linkage, 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, SLC (LT) had recommended that the FSA should be signed by the successful bidder 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.

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 request of the State and on the recommendation of Ministry of Power.

**Record of Discussions:** Representative of Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL) requested for allocation of fresh coal linkage for 4,000 MW under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy for conducting Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB), for ensuring energy security of the State of Gujarat. GUVNL stated that their tender for TBCB is in the advance stage of bidding. Representative of GUVNL also stated that they do not have any location preference for the power plant and their intention is to procure cheap power for the State, for which the successful bidder power plant (preferably under-construction/ new capacity creation) may be located anywhere in the country.

Ministry of Power recommended for earmarking of coal linkage to the State of Gujarat under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 to procure 4,000 MW of Power, subject to the condition that in case, any of the successful bidder(s) to be identified through TBCB is greenfield thermal power plant(s) and the radial distance of the greenfield power project(s) is more than 300 km from the coal source, then the State Government would have to seek exemption from the Empowered Committee.

CEA stated that as per the Resource Adequacy Plan prepared by CEA for the State of Gujarat and accepted by the State of Gujarat, the projected energy requirement of the State of Gujarat is in Alternate resilient case scenario [High demand & Delayed RE addition]. CEA recommended for earmarking of coal linkage to the State of Gujarat for 4,000 MW, subject to the condition of seeking exemption from the Empowered Committee in case radial distance of the greenfield thermal power projects (identified through TBCB), if any, is more than 300 km from the coal source.

NITI Aayog, Ministry of Railways and NTPC recommended for earmarking of coal linkage to the State of Gujarat, subject to fulfilment of the conditions of the Revised SHAKTI Policy.



SCCL stated that it would not be able to offer coal linkage.

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

**Recommendations:** In view of the recommendation of Ministry of Power and keeping in view the provisions of the Revised SHAKTI Policy and its methodology dated 17.07.2025, SLC(LT) recommended for earmarking of coal linkage for a capacity of 4,000 MW from Coal India Limited under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy to State of Gujarat subject to the condition that the State of Gujarat shall seek exemption from the Empowered Committee in case the radial distance of the Greenfield thermal power projects (identified through TBCB), if any, is more than 300 km from the coal source. The earmarked coal linkage corresponding to the greenfield thermal power plant capacity would operate only after the exemption is granted by the Empowered Committee. Coal India Limited shall identify and intimate the coal source to the State indicating the quantity, likely mode of dispatch and representative quality of coal. Successful Bidder(s) shall be identified by the State of Gujarat/ GUVNL within 1 year from the date of earmarking of coal linkage, failing which the earmarked coal linkage may lapse.

**Agenda Item No. 5: Coal linkage to the State of Madhya Pradesh under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy:**

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 10.06.2025 has requested to consider the request of Government of Madhya Pradesh and earmark long-term coal linkage under Window-I of Revised SHAKTI Policy 2025 for balance 1,000 MW coal-based capacity as Government of Madhya Pradesh has already signed PPA with NTPC Gadawara Stage-II for 800 MW, out of 1,800 MW coal-based capacity.

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 FY 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 coal linkages under Para B(iv) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy from Coal India Limited to the State of Madhya Pradesh for a capacity of 4,100 MW. Ministry of Power has also stated that Government of Madhya Pradesh has requested to earmark coal for remaining coal-based thermal capacity of 1,800 MW under Para B(iv) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy.

Ministry of Power has informed that State of Madhya Pradesh has signed PPA with NTPC Gadawara Stage-II (2 x 800 MW) and as per PPA, 50% of installed capacity of NTPC Gadawara Stage-II i.e. 800 MW is expected to be allocated to State of Madhya Pradesh.



However, this capacity has not been taken into consideration in CEA's final report on resource adequacy plan for the State of Madhya Pradesh for the period of FY 2024-25 to FY 2034-35.

SLC(LT) in its meeting held on 03.01.2024 had recommended for coal linkage to NTPC Gadarwara Stage-II (2 x 800 MW) under Para B(i) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy.

The Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 has been issued by Ministry of Coal on 20.05.2025. Under provisions of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, coal linkage to a State is earmarked under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Policy as per request of the State and on the recommendation of Ministry of Power.

**Record of Discussions:** Representative of Government of Madhya Pradesh stated that as per the Resource Adequacy Plan of CEA, State of Madhya Pradesh is required to tie up additional 5,900 MW of coal-based thermal Power capacity by FY 2034-35 to meet the rising power demand of the State. It was also stated that coal linkage has already been earmarked for a capacity of 4,100 MW from Coal India Limited under Para B(iv) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy, 2017 and the bid process has already been initiated for this capacity. Representative of Government of Madhya Pradesh stated that they have already signed PPA with NTPC Gadarwara Stage-II for 800 MW, out of 1800 MW coal-based capacity and, therefore, the requirement is to tie-up power capacity for another 1,000 MW. Representative of Government of Madhya Pradesh informed that the State is willing to procure 1,000 MW coal-based capacity through Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) and requested for earmarking of coal linkage for 1,000 MW capacity. It was also informed that the State intends to procure power from the thermal power projects located in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

Ministry of Power recommended for earmarking of coal linkage to the State of Madhya Pradesh under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 to procure 1000 MW of Power, subject to the condition that in case, any of the successful bidder(s) to be identified through TBCB, is greenfield thermal power plant(s) and the radial distance of the greenfield power project(s) is more than 300 km from the coal source, then the State Government would seek exemption from the Empowered Committee.

CEA recommended for earmarking of coal linkage to the State of Madhya Pradesh for 1,000 MW, subject to the condition of seeking exemption from the Empowered Committee in case radial distance of the Greenfield thermal power projects (identified through TBCB), if any, is more than 300 km from the coal source.



NITI Aayog, Ministry of Railways and NTPC recommended for earmarking of coal linkage to the State of Madhya Pradesh, subject to fulfilment of the conditions of the Revised SHAKTI Policy.

SCCL stated that it would not be able to offer coal linkage.

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

**Recommendation:** In view of the recommendation of Ministry of Power and keeping in view the provisions of the Revised SHAKTI Policy and its methodology dated 17.07.2025, SLC(LT) recommended for earmarking of coal linkage for a capacity of 1,000 MW from Coal India Limited under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy to State of Madhya Pradesh, subject to the condition that the State of Madhya Pradesh shall seek exemption from the Empowered Committee in case radial distance of the greenfield thermal power projects (identified through TBCB), if any, is more than 300 km from the coal source. The earmarked coal linkage corresponding to the Greenfield thermal power plant capacity would operate only after the exemption is granted by the Empowered Committee. Coal India Limited shall identify and intimate the coal source to the State indicating the quantity, likely mode of dispatch and representative quality of coal. Successful Bidder(s) shall be identified by the State of Madhya Pradesh within 1 year from the date of earmarking of coal linkage, failing which the earmarked coal linkage may lapse.

**Agenda Item No. 6: 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:**

Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd. (MAHAGENCO) vide letter dated 12.06.2025 had stated that Gare Palma Sector-II coal block was allotted on 24.03.2015 to cater the coal requirement of the Koradi TPS Units 8, 9 & 10 (3 x 660 MW), Chandrapur TPS Units 8 & 9 (2 x 500 MW) and Parli TPS Unit 8 (1 x 250 MW). MAHAGENCO had mentioned that mine operations in Gare Palma Sector-II coal block are planned for commencement by July, 2025. However, coal production will be initiated in a phased manner as per the approved mining plan, with projected output of 0.25 MT in FY 2025-26, 1.55 MT in FY 2026-27 and 3 MT in FY 2027-28. MAHAGENCO had also mentioned that the mine is expected to achieve its rated capacity by next 6-7 years i.e. by FY 2030-31. MAHAGENCO had requested for extension of Bridge Linkage for Koradi TPS Units 8,9 & 10 (3 x 660 MW), Chandrapur TPS Units 8 & 9 (2 x 500 MW) and Parli TPS Unit 8 (1x 250 MW) for a further period of 3 years – from 01.09.2025 to 31.08.2028 for stable plant operations and consistent power generation to meet the growing energy demand of the State of Maharashtra.



Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 15.07.2025 has informed that presently Gare Palma Sector-II coal block is under development and constraints in the development of this block are mainly due to delays in land acquisition and handing over the forest land by Government of Chhattisgarh (GoCG). Ministry of Power has requested to consider the request of MAHAGENCO for extension of Bridge Linkage for one year.

SLC(LT) in its meeting held on 01.03.2024/ 04.03.2024 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of Koradi (3 x 660 MW), Chandrapur (2 x 500 MW) and Parli (1x 250 MW) Thermal Power Plants of MAHAGENCO for a period of 1 year. SLC(LT) had also recommended that the existing proportion of Bridge Linkage coal supplies from Coal India Limited and SCCL shall continue.

Office of Nominated Authority vide O.M dated 27.06.2025 has informed that the Gare Palma Sector-II coal block was allotted to MAHAGENCO vide allotment order dated 31.08.2015 and vide Corrigendum No. 2 dated 30.07.2021, the Zero date was revised from date of issuance of Allotment order to date of issuance of Corrigendum No. 1 for milestones. Nominated Authority has informed that the Gare Palma Sector-II coal block has not operationalized so far and the scheduled year of production was FY 2022-23 (having PRC of 23.06 MT). Further, Nominated Authority has informed that Forest Clearance Stage-II and Mining lease has been granted and the Mining lease has been executed on 05.02.2025. The application for mine opening was submitted to CCO on 05.06.2025.

**Record of Discussions:** Project Proponent (MAHAGENCO) stated that Gare Palma Sector-II coal block is not operational and the coal production is expected to commence in this FY. MAHAGENCO informed that the production of Gare Palma Sector-II coal block as per approved Mining Plan for FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 is 0.25 MT and 1.55 MT respectively. Further, presently coal is supplied to the End Use Plants (EUPs) of Gare Palma Sector-II coal block through the Bridge Linkage from Coal India Limited (WCL & MCL) and SCCL. MAHAGENCO also stated that PRC (23.6 MTPA) of Gare Palma Sector-II coal block as per approved Mining Plan will be achieved in FY 2031- 32. To meet the requirement of the EUPs of Gare Palma Sector-II coal block, MAHAGENCO requested for extension of Bridge Linkage for the EUPs of Gare Palma Sector-II coal block.

Director (Nominated Authority), Ministry of Coal informed that the Gare Palma Sector-II coal block has not operationalized so far and there has been a delay in coal production from the coal block as the scheduled year of production was FY 2022-23. Director (Nominated Authority) also

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stated that the application for mine opening has been submitted by MAHAGENCO to CCO on 05.06.2025.

Ministry of Power, Ministry of Railways, NITI Aayog, CEA and NTPC recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for the EUPs of Gare Palma Sector-II coal block.

Coal India Limited & SCCL stated that they can offer coal for their sources as per the availability and as per the existing proportion of coal supplies.

SLC(LT) discussed that since the production of Gare Palma Sector-II coal block as per approved Mining Plan will be 0.25 MTPA for FY 2025-26, hence, the Bridge Linkage quantity will have to be tapered. MAHAGENCO requested that the tapering may be carried out from the Bridge Linkage quantity of Coal India Limited.

**Recommendation:** In view of the discussions held and the recommendations 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 on tapering basis. SLC(LT) also recommended that tapering of Bridge Linkage coal supplies shall be carried out from the coal supplies of Coal India Limited. The rate and source of coal supplies against the extended Bridge Linkage would be decided by Coal India Limited and SCCL.

**“Recommendation is under examination”**

**Additional Agenda Item No. 1: 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:**

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 15.07.2025 has requested to consider the request of UPRVUNL for extension of Bridge Linkage for one year to meet the coal requirement of Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW), Harduaganj Extn TPP (1 x 660 MW), Obra ‘C’ TPP (2 x 660 MW) and Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW).

Ministry of Power has informed that Saharpur Jamarpani coal block was allocated by Ministry of Coal to UPRVUNL on 13.08.2015 to meet the coal requirement of Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW), Harduaganj Extn TPP (1 x 660 MW), Obra ‘C’ TPP (2 x 660 MW) and Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW). Further, to bridge the coal supply gap until commencement of coal production from Saharpur Jamarpani coal block, Bridge Linkage has been granted to the EUPs



of Saharpur Jamarpani coal block, which is valid till 12.08.2025. Ministry of Power has stated that presently, all the units of the linked End Use Plants (EUPs) of Saharpur Jamarpani coal block are operational and with the lapse of Bridge Linkage, the coal supply to these EUPs will be adversely affected, resulting in a significant loss in power generation.

SLC(LT) in its meeting held on 11.06.2024/ 26.06.2024 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for the Harduaganj Extn 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.

**Record of Discussions:** Project Proponent (UPRVUNL) stated that they have not been able to develop Saharpur Jamarpani coal block due to Law & Order issues in the coal block area. Further, UPRVUNL has already requested Ministry of Coal for the surrender of Saharpur Jamarpani coal block. UPRVUNL stated that presently, coal is supplied through the Bridge Linkage from Coal India Limited and requested for further extension of Bridge Linkage from Coal India Limited at Notified/ FSA price of coal.

Director (Nominated Authority), Ministry of Coal informed that Saharpur Jamarpani coal block has not been operationalized so far and the scheduled date of operationalization of the coal block was 13.02.2021. It was also informed that UPRVUNL has requested for surrender of Saharpur Jamarpani coal block, with the condition of not forfeiting the Bank Guarantee. However, as per the terms & conditions of the Allotment Agreement, surrender of coal mine is not possible as per the terms of UPRVUNL. It was also stated that as on date, Saharpur Jamarpani coal mine remains allocated to UPRVUNL.

Ministry of Power, Ministry of Railways, NITI Aayog, CEA and NTPC recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for the EUPs of Saharpur Jamarpani coal block.

Coal India Limited stated that it can offer coal for their sources as per the availability.

**Recommendation:** In view of the discussions held and the recommendations of Ministry of Power, SLC(LT) recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of Harduaganj Extn 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 rate and source of coal supplies against the extended Bridge Linkage would be decided by Coal India Limited.

**“Recommendation is under examination”**

**List of Participants for the SLC (LT) Meeting held on 29.07.2025**

**Ministry of Coal**

1. Shri Sanoj Kumar Jha, Additional Secretary [In the Chair]
2. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Kassi, Joint Secretary (CPD)
3. Shri Marapally Venkateshwarlu, Director (T) (NA)
4. Shri Sudarshan Bhagat, Deputy Secretary (CPD)

**Ministry of Power**

1. Shri Parveen Dudeja, Director

**Ministry of Railways**

1. Shri Avinash Kumar Mishra, Executive Director

**NITI Aayog**

1. Shri Ravi Kumar, Consultant

**Central Electricity Authority**

1. Shri Sanjay Jain, Chief Engineer
2. Shri Anurag Tiwari, Deputy Director

**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 Pratik H. Bharti, General Manager (M&S)

**South Eastern Coalfields Limited**

1. Shri Deepakumar. K, Chief 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 Deepankar Singh, Manager (M&S)

**Bharat Coking Coal Limited**

1. Shri Hitesh Varma, General Manager (M&S)

**Singareni Collieries Company Limited**

1. Shri T. Srinivas, General Manager (Marketing)
2. Shri P. Surender Raju, Deputy General Manager

**NTPC Limited**

1. Shri KC Muraleedharan, CGM (CC-FM)
2. Shri Sachin Agarwal, AGM (FM)
3. Shri Yoosuf Ameen, Senior Manager (FM)

**Coal Controller Organization**

1. Shri Joginder Singh, OSD

**TNPGCL**

1. Shri Thiru. M. Govinda Rao, Managing Director
2. Shri R. Ravichandran, SE (Mech./Coal)
3. Smt. C. N. Muthumeenakshi, EE (Mines)

**APDCL**

1. Shri Rakesh Kumar, Managing Director
2. Shri Paragjyoti Kalita, Assistant General Manager
3. Shri Indrajit Tahbildar, Assistant General Manager
4. Smt. Sisrikhya Dutta, Deputy Manager
5. Shri Ashish Choudhury

**GUVNL**

1. Shri Sanjay Mathur, General Manager

**MPPGCL**

1. Shri Sanjeev Khare, Chief General Manager (through VC)

**MAHAGENCO**

1. Shri Sanjay Mathur, General Manager

## UPRVUNL

1. Shri S. K. Dutta, Director
2. Shri Santosh Kumar

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