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Ministry of Coal
(कोयला मंत्रालय)
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GPOA-3, Netaji Nagar,
New Delhi, the 18th November, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 5/2026

The undersigned is directed to say that the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector (SLC/LT No. 05/2026) 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 23.11.2026 at 2:30 PM. Venue for the meeting is conference hall, Room No. 4515, Ministry of Coal, Zone-5, 4th floor, GPOA-3, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi. Agenda item for the meeting is enclosed herewith.

2. Members of the SLC (LT)/senior level officers of the concerned Ministries/Departments are requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting as per schedule.

Encl (1)

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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.	Joint Secretary (Thermal), Ministry of Power, Shram Shakti	Member

	Bhawan, New Delhi	
5.	Advisor (Projects), Ministry of Coal	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

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

i. Director (P&S-I & II) & Director (T/NA), 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

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i. PSO to Secretary (Coal)

ii. PPS to Additional Secretary (SKJ)

iii. PPS to Joint Secretary (CPD)

iv. PS to Deputy Secretary (CPD)

v. NIC, Ministry of Coal - with the request to place it in the website of Ministry of Coal for information of all concerned.

Enclosure

Agenda for the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 05/2026.

Sl. No.	Issue
Agenda Item No. 1: Coal linkage to the State of Andhra Pradesh under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy	Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 23.10.2026 has requested to consider the request of Government of Andhra Pradesh and earmark the long term coal linkage to the State of Andhra Pradesh under Window-I of Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 for conducting Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) to procure 1600 MW of Power, subject to the condition that the Government of Andhra Pradesh 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. Ministry of Power has stated that as per the Resource Adequacy (RA) Plan for Andhra Pradesh (2025-26 to 2035-36), likely planned coal-based capacity to be contracted by the State of Andhra Pradesh would be 2260 MW and additional coal-based capacity requirement for State of Andhra Pradesh is 3328 MW by FY 2035-36. This planned coal-based capacity of 2260 MW includes the capacity of 1600 MW to be planned by 2030-31, for which Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested earmarking of domestic coal linkage. Ministry of Power has also stated that, vide Gazette Notification dated 27.09.2025, it notified the source-wise minimum share of consumption of renewable energy by designated consumers, till the year 2029-30, aggregating to 43.3% of total electrical energy consumption. Further, Ministry of Power has stated that as per RA study of State of Andhra Pradesh, the State is likely to have a deficit of around 2% (2454 MU) in the year 2029-30 in meeting the targeted Renewable Consumption Obligation (RCO) excluding Distributed Renewable Energy (DRE) Obligation. However, there will be a surplus of around 2% (2243 MW) in DRE generation in the year 2029-30 as against the targeted obligation of

	State of Andhra Pradesh. Considering the above RE generation, Ministry of Power has inferred that the State of Andhra Pradesh is overall meeting their RCO by 2029-30. As per RA plan, the State of Andhra Pradesh will also be overall meeting the RCO by 2030-31. Coal linkages to the Power Sector are presently granted under the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 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. **SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.**
Agenda Item No. 2: 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 23.10.2026 has requested to consider extending the timeline for the earmarked coal linkage to the State of Gujarat by a further period of one year to facilitate completion of the TBCB process and identification of the successful bidder (s). Ministry of Power has stated that subsequent to the earmarking of coal linkage for 4000 MW capacity to the State of Gujarat, CIL vide letter dated 08.08.2026 made field wise allocation from the fields of MCL and SECL to the State of Gujarat. Based on allocation from CIL, Government of Gujarat initiated the TBCB process and floated the tender documents for stakeholder's consultation on 26.09.2026. Ministry of Power has also stated that it was informed by the Government of Gujarat, that the comments received from stakeholders are under examination and the bidding documents are at the finalization stage. Thereafter, GUVNL would approach GERC for approval of the proposed deviations from the Model Bidding Documents, as applicable. Further, Ministry of Power has stated that one year from the date of allocation from CIL had already been completed on 07.08.2026, however, the process of TBCB is yet to be completed by Government of Gujarat. Coal linkage to the State of Gujarat was earmarked by SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 29.07.2025 , from Coal India Limited for a capacity of 4000 MW under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy 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. While earmarking the linkage, SLC (LT) had also recommended that successful bidder(s) shall be identified by State of Gujarat / GUVNL within 1 year from the date of earmarking of coal linkage, failing which the earmarked coal linkage may lapse. Further, Empowered Committee, during its 2nd meeting held on 04.08.2025, inter-alia, discussed the proposal of State of Gujarat for coal linkage under the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025. The Empowered Committee, while considering the request of GUVNL, had advised GUVNL to modify its bidding document by clearly indicating the location of the power plant as "preferably within 300 km from coal source". The Empowered Committee granted exemption to the State of Gujarat as per Para 2(I)(vii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy and suggested that SLC (LT) may decide the quantum and drawl time, as per the Resource Adequacy Plan of Gujarat. **SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.**
Agenda Item No. 3: Coal linkage to the State of West Bengal under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy	Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 28.09.2026 has requested to allow Government of West Bengal to utilize earmarked coal linkage for conducting TBCB for development of proposed 1600 MW (2 x 800 MW) Brownfield Thermal Power Plant at Santaldih, subject to the condition that the said project shall be delinked from the list of End Use Plants (EUPs) of Deocha Pachami coal block. Ministry of Power has stated that SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 11.06.2024 / 26.06.2024 and 04.12.2025 recommended earmarking of coal linkage for a total 5600 MW capacity to the Government of West Bengal (GoWB) from Coal India Limited. Against the above earmarked coal linkage, GoWB has completed TBCB process for two greenfield thermal power projects aggregating to 3200 MW capacity and the corresponding

	coal linkages have also been tied up. Further, GoWB has also initiated tender process for setting up of another 800 MW greenfield thermal power project through TBCB and dropped the ongoing tender for 800 MW brownfield project at DPL. Therefore, the balance earmarked coal linkage available with West Bengal is 1600 MW. Ministry of Power has informed that as per the allotment agreement of Deocha Pachami coal block (DPDH) allocated to WBPDCL, the proposed project of 2 x 800 MW Santaldih TPP Expansion is already linked to DPDH coal block as its End Use Project (EUPs) for supply of coal. Ministry of Power has also stated that, it has been informed by GoWB that the Deocha Pachami coal block is still under development and a conceptual report on coal block has been prepared by CMPDI which has indicated the tentative PRC of coal block as 2 MTPA which will not be sufficient to fulfil the requirement of 1600 MW Santaldih Expansion. However, Ministry of Power has noted that mining plan DPDH coal block is still under preparation by CMPDI and actual PRC of the coal block may be ascertained only after preparation of approved mining plan. Further, Ministry of Power has stated that, it has been informed by GoWB that DPDH coal block allocated by Ministry of Coal to WBPDCL as captive coal block is meant to be used in specified EUPs to be developed by WBPDCL (and not for plant developed under TBCB) Earlier, SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 11.06.2024 / 26.06.2024 recommended for earmarking of coal linkage from Coal India Limited for a capacity of 4100 MW under Para B (iv) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy to the State of West Bengal. SLC (LT) also recommended that in case the TBCB gets delayed, then the same shall be informed by the State of West Bengal to the coal company, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power. Further, SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 04.12.2025 recommended for earmarking of coal linkage from Coal India Limited for a capacity of 1600 MW under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy to State of West Bengal, subject to the condition that the State of West Bengal 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 and in that case, the earmarked coal linkage would operate only after the exemption is granted by the Empowered Committee. SLC (LT) also recommended that the coal linkage for 100 MW (out of 4100 MW) earmarked to the State of West Bengal under Para B (iv) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy stands lapsed. SLC (LT) also recommended that the coal linkage earmarked for conducting TBCB to procure 1600 MW of power and the coal linkage earmarked under Para B(iv) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy, 2017 is not to be utilized by the State of West Bengal for the end use plants of Deocha Pachami coal block / or any other captive coal mine of WBPDCL. While earmarking the linkage, SLC (LT) had also recommended that Successful Bidder(s) shall be identified by the State of West Bengal within 1 year from the date of earmarking of coal linkage, failing which the earmarked coal linkage may lapse. Coal linkages to the Power Sector are presently granted under the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 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. The status of delinking of Santaldih Thermal Power Plant from the list of End use Plants (EUPs) of Deocha Pachami coal block is still under examination. **SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.**
Agenda Item No. 4: Coal linkage to the State of Tamil Nadu under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy:	Government of Tamil Nadu vide letter dated 08.10.2026 addressed to Ministry of Power has requested for earmarking domestic coal linkage under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy for conducting Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) to procure 8000 MW (10 x 800 MW) of Power Government of Tamil Nadu has stated that as per the Resource Adequacy Plan prepared by CEA for the State of Tamil Nadu for the period of FY 2025-26 to FY 2035-36, Tamil Nadu's electrical energy requirement will

	rise from 1,49,063 MU in FY 2025-26 to 2,62,626 MU in FY 2035-36, while peak demand will increase from 21,481 MW to 37,074 MW over the same period, implying a CAGR of 5.8% in energy requirement and 5.6% in peak demand. Government of Tamil Nadu has stated that the anticipated COD of 1st phase of Units (10 x 800 MW) being around November, 2030. Coal linkages to the Power Sector are presently granted under the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 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. The recommendations / comments from Ministry of Power is yet to be received. **SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.**
Agenda Item No. 5: Coal linkage to the State of Bihar under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy	Bihar State Power Generation Co. Ltd (BSPGCL) vide letter dated 30.09.2026 addressed to Ministry of Power, has requested for coal linkage for a capacity of 2400 MW (3 x 800 MW) to be established through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) under appropriate provisions of SHAKTI Policy BSPGCL has stated that Resource Adequacy Plan projects an increase in coal based present contracted capacity from 7743 MW to about 14694 MW by FY 2036-37 including three new coal-based units of 800 MW each. The Resource Adequacy Plan also envisages a large quantum (4964 MW) of energy storage system (PSP/BESS) by FY 2036-37. BSPGCL has also stated that it has been proposed to act as Nodal Agency and Bid Implementing Agency. Procurement is proposed to be undertaken within the framework of Guidelines and Model Bidding Documents issued by Ministry of Power in 2019 for long term procurement of electricity from thermal power stations. BSPGCL has informed that the State of Bihar is planning to establish 2400 MW of coal-based generation capacity in a phased manner to ensure long term resource adequacy and reliable power supply from power stations in Bihar thereby meeting State's power requirements from around FY 2031-

	32. BSPGCL has requested that suitable coal block nearest to Bihar, preferably from Rajmahal / Raniganj coalfield or as found feasible, may kindly be identified and allocated under appropriate provisions of SHAKTI Policy to meet coal requirement of proposed capacity and facilitate timely progress of bidding process. Coal linkages to the Power Sector are presently granted under the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 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. The recommendations / comments from Ministry of Power is yet to be received. **SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.**