

IMMEDIATE

**No. CPD-23014/2/2021-CPD
Government of India
Ministry of Coal**

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*Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the May 14th , 2021*

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 2/2021

The undersigned is directed to say that the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector (SLC/LT No. 2/2021) to consider the requests for 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 19.05.2021 at 11.30 A.M through Video Conference. Agenda items for discussion in the meeting are enclosed herewith.

2. It is requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting through Video Conference. Webroom link for the meeting shall be shared in due course.

3. The project proponent (s) whose cases are mentioned in the agenda may also attend the meeting, if they wish to represent their case (s) before the SLC (LT). However, willingness to attend the meeting should be informed well in advance so that the webroom link can be shared with them.

Encl. as above

(Byasadev Naik)
Deputy Director

To

Agenda for the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) [SLC (LT) No. 2/2021]

Sl. No.	Issue
<p>Agenda Item No. 1 Letter of Assurance (LoA) of SJVN Thermal Pvt. Ltd.</p>	<p>SJVN Limited (SJVNL), a CPSE, under the administrative control of Ministry of Power is setting up 1320 MW Buxar Thermal Power Project (BTTP) at Buxar, Bihar through a wholly owned subsidiary – SJVN Thermal Pvt. Ltd. (STPL) and the investment approval of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) was accorded for this project on 08.03.2019. The SLC (LT) of Ministry of Coal in its meeting held on 21.08.2017 had recommended long term coal linkage to 1320 MW BTTP of STPL from Coal India Limited (CIL) subject to the condition that the PP submits a clearance from Ministry of Coal that no coal block is allotted to it and all issues related to any coal blocks allocation are settled by the PP.</p> <p>The Letter of Assurance (LoA) was issued by Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL) vide its letter dated 10.12.2018 to STPL towards coal linkage of BTTP, wherein a total of 9 milestones were to be achieved within a period of 24 months from the date of LoA for signing of Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA). All the milestones, except the milestone which was with regard to the financial closure (FC) of the project, were completed well within the stipulated time. SJVNL has signed MoU with Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) on 26.11.2020 for debt funding of the project and achieved FC of the project. However, due to LoA requirement wherein the LoA clause required the final sanction letters, the completion of the 9th i.e. the last milestone was not considered as achieved by CCL. Subsequently, STPL vide letter dated 27.01.2021 has submitted the intimation of loan sanction issued by PFC and REC in favour of BTTP to CCL and informed that the loan documentation process is underway with both the financial institutions. STPL envisages the FC documentation as required for consideration of the FC milestone as achieved to be complied by 31.03.2021.</p> <p>CCEA approval was granted to the generating company with a condition to complete the project with no cost and time overrun.</p> <p>Ministry of Power has requested vide O.M dated 08.03.2021 to condone the apparent delay in achievement of the FC and waive off the requirement of additional Commitment Guarantee.</p>

Ministry of Power has also requested to extend the validity of the LoA suitably so that the FSA for the project be signed.

Comments of Coal India Limited are awaited in the matter.

SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.

Agenda Item No. 2

Bridge Linkage coal from NCL mines for Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW)

NLCIL vide letter dated 23.01.2021 requested Bridge Linkage coal from NCL mines for Ghatampur TPP of Neyveli Uttar Pradesh power Limited (NUPPL) (3 x 660 MW).

Pachwara South coal block was allocated to NUPPL. Pre-project activities of Pachwara South OCP like Geological Exploration and Geological report approval, Site survey, Mining plan and Mine closure plan approval have been completed and the remaining activities like Socio Impact Assessment study, Environmental Impact Assessment, obtaining FC are in progress.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 18.11.2019 granted Bridge Linkage of 0.5 MT for 2020-21 for Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) and the balance requirement to be reviewed in 2020-21 after taking into account the inputs on development of coal block from the Project proponent and the NA.

As per the approved mining plan, coal production from Pachwara South OCP is expected to commence from 2023-24. Estimated coal production in 2023-24 is 1.68 MT. Coal requirement of the TPP for 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 is 2.33 MT, 7.92 MT and 8.35 MT. Additional coal requirement after supplying coal from Pachwara South OCP is 2.33 MT for 2021-22, 7.92 MT for 2022-23 and 6.67 MT (8.35 MT - 1.68 MT) for 2023-24.

NLCIL has requested to grant balance coal requirement of GTPP after supplying coal from Pachwara South OCP as Bridge Linkage from the nearest mines of NCL.

Comments of PS-I Section are awaited in the matter

SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.

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.	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi	Member
8.	Joint Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi	Member
9.	Executive Director, Coal, Railway Board, Room No. 261, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi	Member
10.	Director (Marketing), Coal India Limited	Member
11.	CMD's SCCL, BCCL, CCL, ECL, MCL, NCL, SECL & WCL	Members
12.	Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd., Gondwana Place, Kanke Road, Ranchi	Member
13.	Chairman, Central Electricity Authority, Sewa Bhawan, RK Puram, New Delhi	Member
14.	Chairman, NTPC, Scope Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003	Member
15.	Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal	With the request to attend the meeting
16.	Joint Secretary, (P&S), Ministry of Coal	

Copy to:

- (i) Director (Technical), Coal India Limited, Kolkata
- (ii) Coal Controller, Coal Controller Organization, Kolkata – With the request to attend the meeting
- ii) GM (S&M), Coal India Limited, Kolkata
- iii) CGM (CP), Coal India Limited, Kolkata
- iv) GM (S&M), Coal India Limited, Delhi.

Copy also to –

1. PSO to Secretary (Coal)
2. PPS to Additional Secretary (Coal)
3. PS to Joint Secretary (CPD)
4. PS to Director (CPD)
5. NIC, Ministry of Coal - with the request to place it in the website of Ministry of Coal for information of all concerned and also to make

arrangements for the meeting through Video Conference.