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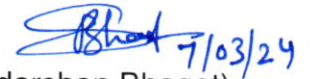
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**Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC (LT) No. 03/2024**

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the approved minutes of the meeting of the SLC (LT) for Power Sector held on 01.03.2024 / 04.03.2024 to consider the requests for coal linkages 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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**Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term)  
for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 3/2024**

Venue: Coal India Limited, Core 6, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Scope Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

Date & Time: 01.03.2024 and continuation meeting held on 04.03.2024.

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

**Agenda Item No. 1:** Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 13.02.2024.

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

**Recommendations:** Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 13.02.2024 are confirmed.

**Agenda Item No. 2: Coal linkage to the State of Rajasthan & Maharashtra under B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy:** Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 26.02.2024 has requested to earmark long term coal linkage to Rajasthan Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (RUVNL) / Government of Rajasthan under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to set up 3200 MW coal based thermal power plant through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB). Ministry of Power has informed that as per the resource adequacy plan prepared by CEA, State of Rajasthan is required to tie up 6072 MW of thermal capacity by FY 2031-32 and at present, 2120 MW of thermal capacity is under planning in the State of Rajasthan. Therefore, to meet the deficit, RUVNL / Government of Rajasthan is willing to set up 3299 MW coal-based capacity through TBCB under SHAKTI Policy Para B (iv), for which Government of Rajasthan has requested to earmark the coal linkage.

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 26.02.2024 has also requested to earmark long term coal linkage to Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (MSEDCL / MAHAVITARAN) / Government of Maharashtra under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to set up 1600 MW coal based thermal power plant through TBCB. Ministry of Power has informed that as per the resource adequacy plan prepared by CEA, State of Maharashtra is required to tie up 9700 MW of



thermal capacity by FY 2031-32 and at present, 660 MW of thermal capacity is under planning in the State of Maharashtra and 1980 MW of thermal capacity is under planning by MAHAGENCO. Therefore, to meet the deficit, MSEDCL / Government of Maharashtra is willing to set up 1600 MW coal-based capacity through TBCB under SHAKTI Para B (iv).

**Record of Discussion:**

**State of Rajasthan:** Ministry of Power stated that it has envisaged around 80 GW of additional coal-based capacity requirement in the country by FY 2031-32 and accordingly, it has requested the States where Resource Adequacy have been completed to ensure Resource Adequacy and urgently plan to meet the gap by either addition of new capacity, through its own resources or floating power procurement bids under Tariff Policy, 2016 or under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy, 2017. Ministry of Power informed that as of now, States of Rajasthan & Maharashtra have shown willingness to set up 3299 MW & 1600 MW coal-based capacity power plants respectively through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding under SHAKTI Policy Para B (iv).

Ministry of Power / CEA was requested to inform the reason for recommending only 3200 MW only for the State of Rajasthan, whereas, the State is willing to set up 3299 MW through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding under SHAKTI Policy Para B (iv). CEA informed that as per the present scenario, unit size of 800 MW is being promoted, therefore, the recommendation is for 3200 MW (4 x 800 MW) coal-based capacity thermal power plant only instead of 3299 MW.

It was discussed that coal linkages under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy are earmarked for fresh PPAs and the power plants which are already commissioned / likely to be commissioned may participate in the Tariff Based Competitive Bidding undertaken by the States under SHAKTI B (iv) to tie-up their untied PPA capacity, irrespective of the configuration of the power plants. Therefore, in case the recommendation of Ministry of Power is for 3200 MW only for the State of Rajasthan on account of the configuration of the



units i.e. 4 x 800 MW, then the State of Rajasthan may have to procure power for the balance 99 MW from other sources.

Considering the discussions, Ministry of Power recommended to earmark coal linkage to Rajasthan Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (RUVNL) / Government of Rajasthan under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy for 3299 MW.

Representative of Government of Rajasthan stated that considering the requirement of the State, Government of Rajasthan has requested to earmark coal linkage for 3299 MW under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy.

**State of Maharashtra:**

Representative of MSEDCL requested to earmark coal linkage for 1600 MW to the State under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy and stated that Tariff Based Competitive Bidding will be undertaken by the State within 2 years of earmarking coal linkage and the coal drawl shall also start within 3 years.

NITI Aayog recommended for earmarking of coal linkage under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the State of Rajasthan & Maharashtra.

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

Coal India Limited indicated availability of coal which can be offered from the various subsidiaries for the above capacities recommended by Ministry of Power.

**Recommendation:** SLC (LT) recommended for earmarking of coal linkage from Coal India Limited for a capacity of 3299 MW & 1600 MW under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the States of Rajasthan and Maharashtra respectively. Coal India Limited shall intimate the earmarked linkage with description to the States of Rajasthan and Maharashtra with information to Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power. The tripartite agreements in terms of LoA / FSA may be entered into between concerned Coal company, State Government and the successful bidder, as may be the case. This information shall also be

furnished to Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power. SLC (LT) also recommended that in case the Tariff Based competitive Bidding gets delayed, then the same shall be informed by the States of Rajasthan and Maharashtra to the coal company, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power.

### **Additional Agenda Items**

**Additional Agenda Item No. 1: 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:** MAHAGENCO vide letter dated 21.02.2024 has requested 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 against the allotted coal mine Gare Palma Sector-II. MAHAGENCO has informed that National Green Tribunal (Central Zone, Bhopal Bench) vide Judgement dated 15.01.2024 has quashed the Environment Clearance (EC) for Gare Palma Sector – II coal mine and this has delayed the start of production from the coal mine.

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 28.02.2024 has requested to take up the request of MAHAGENCO for extension of Bridge Linkage of Koradi (3 x 660 MW), Chandrapur (2 x 500 MW) & Parli (1 x 250 MW) of MAHAGENCO for the consideration of SLC (LT) in order to avoid the loss of generation from the linked plants of Gare Palma Sector-II coal block. Ministry of Power has stated that Gare Palma Sector-II coal block is under development stage and the issues pending / constraints in development of the coal block are handing over of the forest land by the Government of Chhattisgarh to MAHAGENCO, quashing of EC by the NGT and delay in execution of mining lease.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 04.02.2021 recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage to Chandrapur Unit 8 & 9 (2 x 500 MW), Koradi Unit 8, 9 & 10 (3 x 660 MW) and Parli Unit 8 (250 MW) of MAHAGENCO till 31.08.2024.





Present Bridge Linkage to the linked units of Gare Palma Sector-II coal block is from Coal India Limited & SCCL and the Bridge Linkage is valid upto 31.08.2024.

**Record of Discussion:** MAHAGENCO (Project Proponent) stated that the National Green Tribunal (NGT) (Central Zone, Bhopal Bench) vide judgement dated 15.01.2024 has quashed the EC for Gare Palma Sector – II coal mine. Therefore, the process of obtaining EC for the coal mine shall have to be initiated afresh and accordingly, it is difficult to predict the start of coal production from the coal mine. It was also stated that it will take around 6-7 years for full fledged operation of the coal mine after start of coal production.

It was discussed that as per the information received from O/o the Nominated Authority, Gare Palma Sector – II coal mine is not operationalized so far and the scheduled date of coal production from the coal mine, with a PRC of 23.06 MT, was FY 2022-23. Further, MoEF&CC has conveyed the grant of Stage-II Forest Clearance to the Government of Chattisgarh and MAHAGENCO is yet to receive the final approval letter from the Forest Department. O/o the Nominated Authority has also informed that NGT, Bhopal vide Order dated 15.01.2024 has quashed the EC for the coal mine and has directed MoEF&CC for re-examination from stage of conducting Public consultation afresh.

Ministry of Power / CEA recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for the units linked with Gara Palma Sector-II coal block.

NITI Aayog also recommended from the extension of Bridge Linkage considering that the linked Gara Palma Sector-II coal block is not in production.

Coal India Limited stated that it can offer coal from its sources as per the availability.

It was discussed that Bridge Linkage to the linked units of Gare Palma Sector-II coal block i.e. Koradi (3 x 660 MW), Chandrapur (2 x 500 MW) & Parli (1 x 250 MW) Thermal Power Plants is from Coal India Limited & SCCL. SCCL

informed that it supplies Bridge Linkage coal to Parli TPP (250 MW) and 20% of the requirement of Koradi TPP (3 x 660 MW). It was discussed that Bridge linkage supplies to the linked units of Chandrapur TPP and 80% of the requirement of Koradi TPP (3 x 660 MW) are from Coal India Limited.

**Recommendation:** In view of the discussions held and the recommendation 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. SLC (LT) also recommended that the existing proportion of Bridge Linkage coal supplies from Coal India Limited and SCCL shall continue. The rate & source of coal supplies against the extended Bridge Linkage would be decided by Coal India Limited and SCCL. .

**Additional Agenda Item No. 2: Extension of Bridge Linkage of Rajasthan**

**Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL):** Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL) vide letter dated 14.02.2024 has requested for extension of Bridge Linkage by another 1 year for the linked units of Parsa & Kente Extension coal mines. RRVUNL has informed that mining activity in Parsa coal block could not be initiated till date in spite of all statutory approvals due to delay in handover of forest land by Government of Chhattisgarh after tree felling activity. RRVUNL has also informed that necessary statutory approvals for Kente Extension coal block are still pending.

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 29.02.2024 has requested to place the request of RRVUNL for extension of Bridge Linkage for the consideration of the SLC (LT) in order to avoid the loss of generation in the 1340 MW capacity units linked with Parsa & Kente Extension coal blocks. Ministry of Power has informed that Parsa coal block, allocated to RRVUNL, is under development and the issues pending / constraints in development of the coal block is handing over of the forest land & go-ahead for mining by Government of Chhattisgarh. Ministry of Power has stated that the Parsa coal block is expected to start production from FY 2024-25. Ministry of Power has also



informed that Kente Extension coal block allocated to RRVUNL is under development and the issues pending / constraints in development of coal block are Environment Clearance, Forest Clearance and issues related to Land Acquisition / R&R.

Parsa coal block is allotted to RRVUNL for the End Use Plants (i) Chhabra TPP Unit 3 - 6 (2 x 250 MW and 2 x 660 MW); (ii) Kalisindh TPP Unit 1 & 2 (2 x 600 MW) and (iii) Suratgarh Supercritical TPP Unit 7 & 8 (2 x 660 MW). Kente Extension coal block has been allocated to RRVUNL for the End Use Plants (i) Suratgarh Supercritical TPP Unit 7 & 8 (2 x 660 MW) (ii) Chhabra Supercritical TPP Unit 5 & 6 (2 x 660).

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 21.04.2023 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for 1340 MW capacity only of the End Use Plants of RRVUNL for a period of 1 year against the Parsa and Kente Extension coal blocks.

Present Bridge Linkage to the linked units of Parsa and Kente Extension coal blocks is from Coal India Limited and the Bridge Linkage is valid upto 27.04.2024.

**Record of Discussion:** RRVUNL (Project Proponent) stated that production Parsa East & Kanta Basan (PEKB) shall stop in another 3 months as the remaining land for coal mining has not been handed over by the State of Chhattisgarh (GoC). Further, for Parsa coal mine, forest land has not been handed over by the GoC, therefore, production has not commenced in the Parsa coal mine. In the case of Kente Extension coal block, it was informed that most of the clearances are awaited / in process and therefore, coal block is not in production. RRVUNL requested for extension of Bridge Linkage for the entire 4340 MW, capacity of all the End Use Plants of RRVUNL linked with the captive coal mines, against last extension granted for 1340 MW capacity only of the linked capacity in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.04.2023.



It was discussed that as per the information received from O/o the Nominated Authority, coal production from Parsa coal mine has not started as the tree felling activity and land handover for mining operation is still pending.

Representative of P&S-I Division informed that most of the clearances of Kente Extension coal block are awaited from the GoC.

Ministry of Power / CEA recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for 1340 MW as per the last extension.

NITI Aayog stated that extension of Bridge Linkage may be considered as Parsa and Kente Extension coal blocks are not in production.

Coal India Limited stated that it can offer coal from its sources as per the availability.

It was discussed that SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 21.04.2023, while recommending for extension of Bridge Linkage for 1340 MW only had considered that Bridge Linkage cannot be given against PEKB coal mines as these are Schedule-II coal mines and as per the policy of Bridge Linkage, Schedule-II coal mines are not eligible for Bridge Linkage. Further, 4340 MW capacity of the power plants of RRVUNL are linked with PEKB, Parsa and Kente Extension coal mines / blocks allotted to RRVUNL and most of the End Use Plants linked with the coal blocks allotted to RRVUNL are common. SLC (LT) had considered that since PRC of 15 MT of PEKB coal mines was achieved by RRVUNL, therefore, the likely capacity of the End Use Plants of RRVUNL whose requirement is to be met from 15 MT of coal is around 3000 MW. Therefore, extension of Bridge Linkage was recommended by the SLC (LT) for the remaining 1340 MW capacity only of the End Use Plants of RRVUNL. SLC (LT) agreed for continuation of the same principle for extension of Bridge Linkage.

**Recommendation:** In view of the discussions held, SLC (LT) recommended extension of Bridge Linkage for 1340 MW capacity of the End Use Plants of RRVUNL 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 Item No. 3: Extension of Bridge Linkage of Ghatampur**

**TPP (3 x 660 MW) of NUPPL:** Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Limited (NUPPL) vide letter dated 22.02.2024 has requested to allocate 4.26 MT of G10 Bridge Linkage coal for the FY 2024-25. NUPPL has informed that Pachhwara South coal block is expected to start coal production in the FY 2024-25 and reach its Peak Rated Capacity in FY 2027-28. NUPPL has also informed that as per the mine plan, the coal production from Pachhwara South coal block is 1.67 MT for the FY 2024-25. NUPPL has stated that all the units of linked Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) are expected to be operational in the FY 2024-25.

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 29.02.2024 has requested to place the request of NUPPL for grant of Bridge Linkage for consideration of SLC (LT) in order to avoid loss of generation from Pachhwara South coal block linked Ghatampur Thermal Power Plant.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 16.06.2023 recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) of NUPPL for a period of 1 year on Tapering Basis. Bridge Linkage of Ghatampur TPP is valid upto 31.03.2024.

**Record of Discussion:** Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Limited (NUPPL) stated that all the units of linked Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) are expected to be operational in the FY 2024-25 and the coal production from Pachhwara South coal block is also expected to start in the month of June, 2024-25. Further, considering the expected coal production of 1.67 MT in FY 2024-25, NUPPL has requested to allocate 4.26 MT of G10 Bridge Linkage coal for the FY 2024-25.



Ministry of Power stated that Ghatampur TPP is crucial to meet the planned coal-based capacity addition of the country and recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage.

NITI Aayog also recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage.

Coal India Limited stated that it can offer coal from its sources as per the availability.

**Recommendation:** 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 Item No.4: Coal Linkage under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the State of Gujarat:** Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 29.02.2024 has informed that Government of Gujarat (GoG) has requested to allow the validity of coal quantum under SHAKTI B (iv) upto 30.06.2024. Ministry of Power has requested to consider the request of GoG for extension of validity of coal linkage / signing of FSAs till 30.06.2024 for successful bidders of Tranche I & II.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 24.06.2019 had recommended earmarking of coal linkages under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy from Coal India Limited for the State of Gujarat for a capacity of 4000 MW. Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy states that the quantity remaining unutilized for 2 years continuously shall lapse. Coal linkages earmarked under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy were reviewed in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.09.2022. SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 21.09.2022 recommended for continuation of coal linkage earmarked to the State of Gujarat under SHAKTI B (iv) to the extent of power requirement to be procured through tariff-based bidding. SLC (LT) further recommended that FSA be signed by the successful bidders 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 shall lapse.





Coal linkage under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the State of Gujarat was last taken up in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 16.06.2023. Representative of Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL) stated that GUVNL has invited tender to tie up 3000 MW capacity power on the basis of the guidelines of Ministry of Power. SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 16.06.2023 recommended that FSA be signed by the successful bidder (s) under SHAKTI B (iv) with the coal companies within 3 months of the date of issuance of the Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) and also clarified that the recommendation is only for 3000 MW only for which Tariff Based Competitive Bidding has been undertaken by GUVNL. Minutes of the Meeting were issued on 13.07.2023.

**Record of Discussion:** Ministry of Power informed that the 1<sup>st</sup> Tranche of Tariff Based Competitive Bidding for the procurement of power has been completed by GUVNL and in the first Tranche, 328 MW of power has been tied up. Further, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tranche is under process and in this Tranche, 2700 MW shall be tied up by the State. CEA stated that signing of FSA with the successful bidders of both the Tranches shall be completed by June, 2024. Ministry of Power / CEA requested for extension of validity of coal linkage earmarked under SHAKTI B (iv) to the State of Gujarat till 30.06.2024 for signing of FSAs with the successful bidders of Tranche I & II.

It was discussed that SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 16.06.2023 had recommended that FSA be signed by the successful bidder (s) of the Tariff Based Competitive Bidding by the State of Gujarat under SHAKTI B (iv) with the coal companies within 3 months of the date of issuance of the Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) and also clarified that the recommendation is only for 3000 MW only for which Tariff Based Competitive Bidding has been undertaken by GUVNL. Minutes of the Meeting were issued on 13.07.2023 and therefore, FSAs were to be signed by 12.10.2023, which has lapsed.

NITI Aayog also recommended for granting additional time for signing of FSAs with the successful bidders as requested by Ministry of Power / CEA.



**Recommendation:** In view of the discussions held and the recommendation of Ministry of Power / CEA, SLC (LT) recommended that FSA be signed by the successful bidders of the Tariff Based Competitive Bidding undertaken by the State of Gujarat under SHAKTI B (iv) with the coal companies by 30.06.2024 and the extension period be considered with effect from the expiry of the last extension.

**Additional Agenda Item No.5: Grant of Coal Linkage under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy to Goindwal Sahib TPP of PSPCL:** Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 02.03.2024 has conveyed the revised request of PSPCL for cancellation of existing Coal Linkages/FSAs of 2x270 MW Goindwal Sahib TPP and grant of long term linkage under para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy for the same. Ministry of Power has further stated that, this will enable the plant to continue the generation and help in meeting the demand of the consumers.

Ministry of Power has informed that PSPCL has acquired Goindwal TPP w.e.f. 07.02.2024, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Guru Amardas Thermal Power Limited (GATPL)/ PSPCL. PSPCL has desired for the long term coal linkage for Goindwal TPP under para B(i) of Shakti Policy as applicable to Central/State Gencos. PSPCL has confirmed for surrendering of existing coal linkage of 1.706 MTPA under Para B(ii) of Shakti Policy of Goindwal Sahib TPP. Since, now Goindwal Sahib TPP is wholly owned by PSPCL i.e. State Sector, it is eligible for linkage under para B(i) of Shakti Policy. As per CEA, annual contracted quantity (ACQ) norms dated 14.07.2021, requirement of 2x270 MW units at Goindwal Sahib TPP is 3.056 MTPA at G13 coal grade equivalent @ 85% PLF.

Ministry of Power has requested to consider the request of PSPCL for cancellation of existing Coal Linkages/FSAs of 2x270 MW Goindwal Sahib TPP and grant of long-term linkage under para B(i) of SHAKTI Policy.

**Record of Discussion (held on 04.03.2024):** Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) informed that Goindwal Sahib TPP (2 x 270 MW) has been taken over fully (100 %) by PSPCL and is presently eligible for coal linkage under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy. PSPCL requested for coal linkage



under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy. It was also stated that Goindwal Sahib TPP is far away from the coal mines of Coal India Limited and therefore, it was requested that the coal made available for the TPP may be of good quality like Grade G-11. PSPCL also requested that till the coal supply under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy gets started, existing supplies under SHAKTI B (ii) may continue. PSPCL stated that it has agreed to cancel the existing coal linkage of Goindwal Sahib TPP under Para B (ii) as per terms and conditions of FSA.

SCCL stated that it would not be able to supply coal to the unit of PSPCL.

Coal India Limited stated that it can offer coal to Goindwal Sahib TPP from its sources. It was also stated that both the FSAs [SHAKTI B (ii) & B (i)] for the same capacity cannot operate simultaneously and if the decision of coal linkage under SHAKTI B (i) is conveyed soon, then Coal India Limited shall endeavour to start the coal supplies under SHAKTI B (i) from April, 2024 and till that time, the existing FSA under SHAKTI B (ii) may continue.

Ministry of Power stated that pursuant to full takeover by PSPCL, Goindwal Sahib TPP is eligible for coal linkage under SHAKTI B (i) and recommended for coal linkage under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy to Goindwal Sahib TPP (2 x 270 MW) of PSPCL. CEA also recommended for coal linkage to Goindwal Sahib TPP (2 x 270 MW) of PSPCL under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy.

NITI Aayog recommended for coal linkage under SHAKTI Para B (i).

It was also discussed that the present coal linkage of Goindwal Sahib TPP is under SHAKTI B (ii) i.e. discount on the tariff on the PPAs existing as on 17.05.2017 and in the case of coal supplies under SHAKTI B (i), there is no provision of discount on tariff. Ministry of Power clarified that the earlier ACQ under SHAKTI B (ii) of Goindwal Sahib was not sufficient to meet the entire requirement of the plant and the linkage under SHAKTI B (i) shall be for meeting the entire requirement of the plant and at the notified prices.

Regarding the grade and quality of coal, it was discussed that the same would be decided by Coal India Limited as per procedure.

**Recommendation:** In view of the recommendations of Ministry of Power, SLC (LT) recommended for grant of coal linkage to Goindwal Sahib TPP (2 x 270 MW) of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy from Coal India Limited subject to surrender of existing coal linkage under SHAKTI B (ii) by PSPCL / Goindwal Sahib as per existing terms and conditions of FSA. SLC (LT) also suggested that during the allocation of coal linkage from subsidiaries of Coal India Limited, it may have consultations with Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ministry of Railways so that the linkages are allocated from sources based on coal availability and transportability.





**List of Participants**

**Ministry of Coal**

1. Ms Vismita Tej, Additional Secretary [In the Chair]
2. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Kassi, Joint Secretary (CPD)
3. Shri Ramakant Singh, ED (CTC)
4. Shri Sudarshan Bhagat, Deputy Secretary (CPD)
5. Shri Rishan Ryntathieng, Under Secretary (P&S-I)

**Ministry of Power**

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**Ministry of Railways**

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**NITI Aayog**

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**Central Electricity Authority**

1. Shri M.P. Singh, Chief Engineer
2. Shri Himanshu Katiyar, Assistant Director

**Coal India Limited**

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**Coal Controller Organisation**

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**Northern Coalfields Limited**

1. Shri Saurabh Kumar, Manager (M&S)

**South Eastern Collieries Limited**

1. Shri Rachit Bhatia, Manager (M&S)

**Bharat Coking Coal Limited**

1. Shri Dev Kumar Verma, Senior Manager (M&S)
2. Shri Pramendra Kumar, Deputy Manager (M&S)

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1. Shri Nishant Kr. Virmani, Manager (M&S)

**Eastern Coalfields Limited**

1. Shri G.S. Mishra, GM (M&S)

**Western Coalfields Limited**

1. Ms. Sangeeta Goyal, GM(M&S)

**Singareni Collieries Company Limited**

1. Shri J. Allwyn, Executive Director (through VC)

**NTPC Limited**

1. Shri P.K. Mishra, Executive Director
2. Shri Ajay Singhal, CGM

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1. Shri Kundan Pimple, Suptd. Engineer (FM)

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1. Shri Dinesh Agrawal, C.E. (P.P)

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1. Shri. Santhosh C.S., Chief Executive Officer

**Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited**

1. Shri Devendra Shringi, CMD



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1. Shri Baldev Singh Sran, Chairman – through VC
2. Shri Amandeep Singh, Chief Engineer
3. Shri Vivek Agrawal, AEE