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Ministry of Coal

(कोयला मंत्रालय)

GPOA-3, Netaji Nagar,

New Delhi, the 15th June, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 2/2026

The undersigned is directed to say that the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector (SLC/LT No. 02/2026) 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 17.06.2026 at 10.30 A.M. 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.



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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.	Joint Secretary (Thermal), Ministry of Power, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi	Member
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 (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)
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- v. 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. 02/2026.

Sl. No.	Issue
<p>Agenda Item No. 1: 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 23.03.2026 has informed that as per the Long-Term Resource Adequacy Plan (Generation) for Madhya Pradesh State for the period 2025-26 to 2036-37, the State of Madhya Pradesh requires an additional coal-based capacity of 10842 MW by 2036-37. Out of 10842 MW, 8942 MW capacity is already tied up by the State and balance 1900 MW capacity is required to be tied up. Ministry of Power has requested to earmark long-term coal linkage under Window-I of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 for the proposed capacity of 1 × 660 MW brownfield ultra-supercritical unit at Satpura TPS (STPS), Sarni (Madhya Pradesh).</p> <p>Ministry of Power has stated that the proposed STPS, Stage-VI, Unit-13, Sarni (1 x 660 MW) will be set up as a brownfield unit to be established on the land made available after the decommissioning of Units 6, 7, 8 and 9 (200 + 3*210 MW) of Satpura TPS. Ministry of Power has informed that anticipated dated of order of Main Plant is March, 2027 with tentative COD in FY 2031-32 and tentative start of coal drawl is September, 2031. Ministry of Power has also informed that the pre-feasibility report is approved by MPPGCL board on 27.12.2025 and Environmental Clearance is under progress. The preferred coal source is WCL.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.</p>

<p>Agenda Item No. 2: 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 06.08.2025 and subsequent O.M dated 04.09.2025 had requested to consider the request of Torrent Power Ltd. (TPL) for earmarking of coal linkage to Gujarat for 362 MW for expansion capacity of TPL, considering the request of Government of Gujarat for release of space of Ash Pond Land of Sabarmati Thermal Power Plant (STPP) of TPL located at Ahmedabad to develop a State-of-the-art sports facility to host sports events of international level. Ministry of Power had recommended to consider earmarking of coal linkage to the State of Gujarat under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) (c) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025.</p> <p>Ministry of Power had stated that STPP of TPL has an installed capacity of 362 MW consisting of three units [Unit D – 120 MW; Unit E – 121 MW; and Unit F – 121 MW] and has linkage of 1.329 MTPA from SECL and PPA under Section 62 with distribution utilities of TPL. TPL has informed that Ash pond is an integral part of STPP and it would not be possible to operate the plant without Ash pond.</p> <p>As per RA studies, 800 MW coal based installed capacity would be required by FY 2030-31 to meet the requirement of distribution utilities of TPL. Further, RA studies also mentions that units of STPP (362 MW) have already completed about 35-45 years and are approaching the end of their technically viable and economically efficient operational lifespan. In view of this, TPL has proposed the retirement of these three aging units by 2030-31 and intends to establish a new 800 MW thermal power plant under SHAKTI Policy.</p> <p>Ministry of Power had also stated that considering the fact that TPL has been compelled to shift their plant from existing location, the request of Government of Gujarat to allocate coal linkage for 362 MW expansion capacity of TPL against PPA under Section 62, may be considered as a special case. Further, Ministry of Power had stated that the FSA for the existing units of STPP (362 MW) is going to expire in 2029 and had suggested that the issue of continuation of coal linkage, in case of shifting</p>
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of existing plant (362 MW existing capacity) may be deliberated in SLC (LT). Ministry of Power had also stated that for STPP (362 MW), expansion under para 5.2 of Tariff policy 2016, is allowed for additional capacity of 362 MW.

Considering the recommendations of the Ministry of Power, the matter was taken to the SLC (LT) for Power Sector held on 04.12.2025. During the discussion of the said Agenda item, SLC (LT) discussed that 800 MW proposed power plant of TPL at the new location shall be a greenfield thermal power project, having no shared infrastructure as in the case of brownfield expansion projects. CEA stated during the meeting that the proposed power plant of TPL do not have the advantage of shared infrastructure and at present, there are no guidelines in the Tariff Policy to consider a capacity as an expansion capacity of an existing generating capacity, in the case of shifting of power project from one location to another. CEA also stated that PPA of TPL is embedded with the generating capacity of TPL as it is also a distribution licensee and PPA of TPL will exist till TPL acts as a distribution licensee.

In view of the discussions held, SLC (LT) had recommended that Government of Gujarat may refer the matter of TPL again to Ministry of Power for further examination on whether the new thermal power project of TPL at a new location may be considered as an expansion capacity under the Tariff Policy.

In reference to the above recommendation of the SLC (LT), Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 21.04.2026 has stated that upon examination and considering the special circumstances that the existing STPP of TPL is required to be relocated consequent upon the proposed utilization of the 'ash-pond' land by the Government of Gujarat for development of an international-level sports facility, the proposal has been considered as a 'special case' under Para 5.2 of the Tariff Policy, 2016. Accordingly, capacity upto 724 MW (including permissible one-time expansion up to

	<p>100% of the existing 362 MW capacity) may be treated as 'eligible' for consideration.</p> <p>Ministry of Power has requested for earmarking of 'Coal linkage to the Government of Gujarat' for utilization by TPL up to 724 MW capacity under the Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) (c) [Window-I] of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025.</p> <p>Ministry of Power has also recommended that, while determining tariff for the proposed project, the concerned State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERC) may appropriately consider the benefits accruing from the improved efficiency of the new plant.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 3: Coal linkage to the State of Rajasthan under Para B (iv) of the erstwhile SHAKTI Policy:</p>	<p>Government of Rajasthan (GoR) vide D.O letter dated 29.04.2026 has informed that pursuant to the earmarking of coal linkage to the State of Rajasthan for 3299 MW, Coal India Limited (CIL) had indicated the coal fields and the representative grades of coal from SECL with a timeline for power flow from FY 2029-30, for the conduct of Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) by GoR. GoR has also informed that Rajasthan Urja Vikas Nigam Limited & IT Services (RUVITL), a State PSU, has initiated the process for inviting the bids for procurement of power on long term basis, from 3200 MW (4 x 800 MW) coal based power station(s) to be set up on Design, Build, Own and Operate (DBFOO) basis, as per Model Bidding Documents (MBDs) and guidelines issued by Ministry of Power on 05.03.2019 and 06.03.2019 respectively. However, TBCB has not been conducted by RUVITL till now. Further, GoR has informed that 2 years timeline for utilization of earmarked coal is not expected to be achieved by Rajasthan as per the timeline mentioned in</p>

	<p>MBD and Power flow from the project is expected in FY 2030-31. GoR has requested to grant extension in time line up to FY 2030-31 for utilization of earmarked coal by Rajasthan.</p> <p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 04.05.2026 has requested to consider the request of Government of Rajasthan for grant of extension of one year to facilitate the completion of the TBCB process to identify the successful bidders.</p> <p>Coal linkage to the State of Rajasthan was earmarked by SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 01.03.2024 / 04.03.2024 from Coal India Limited for a capacity of 3299 MW under para (iv) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy. While earmarking the linkage, SLC (LT) had also recommended that in case the TBCB gets delayed then the same shall be informed by the State of Rajasthan to the coal company, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power.</p> <p>SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 4: Extension of Bridge Linkage for PVUNL's subsidiary of NTPC in JV with JBVNL) Patratu-I (3 x 800 MW):</p>	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 18.05.2026 has requested for extension of Bridge Linkage of NTPC's PVUNL's Patratu-I (3x800 MW) for one year beyond 23.06.2026. Ministry of Power has stated that Banhardih coal block has been allocated by Ministry of Coal to PVUNL on 25.06.2018 to meet the coal requirement of Patratu-I STPP (3 x 800 MW). Ministry of Power has informed that the Bridge Linkage to Patratu-I STPP (3 x 800 MW) was extended by SLC (LT) held on 29.05.2025 for 1 year till 23.06.2026.</p> <p>Ministry of Power has informed that Unit-1 of Patratu-I STPP (3 x 800 MW) was commissioned and achieved COD on 05.11.2025. Unit-2 and Unit-3 of Patratu-I STPP is expected to be commissioned in Q1 and Q4 of FY 2026-27 respectively. In absence of bridge linkage, coal supply to EUPs of Patratu-I STPP (3 x 800 MW) would be affected, which would lead to loss of generation from already commissioned as well as upcoming units in FY 2026-27.</p>

	<p>Ministry of Power has informed that EC for the Banhardih coal block has been obtained and the process of the land acquisition is also under progress. However, FC is yet to be obtained. Ministry of Power has also informed that the production from Banhardih Coal block is expected to commence in July 2027, with an estimated production of 1.0 MT in FY 2027-28. The Peak Rated Capacity (PRC) of Banhardih Coal block is 12 MTPA, which is expected to be achieved by the 7th year of Mining operation.</p> <p>SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 29.05.2025 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for PVUNL Patratu-I (3 x 800 MW) for a period of 1 year on tapering basis, from Coal India Limited.</p> <p>SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 5: Extension of Bridge Linkage of Harduganj Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW); Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW); Obra 'C' Panki TPP (1 x 660 MW) of UPRVUNL:</p>	<p>Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 04.06.2026 has requested to consider the request of UPRVUNL for extension of bridge linkage for the End Use Plants (EUPs) of Saharpur Jamarpani coal block for one year to meet the coal requirement of Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW), Harduganj Extn TPP (1 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) and Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW). Ministry of Power has further requested to consider the request of UPRVUNL for rationalization of coal supply sources under the bridge linkage arrangement towards more economical subsidiaries such as Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) and Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) subject to availability of coal, which would help in reducing the landed cost of coal and thereby enhance the affordability of power for the end consumers of the state.</p> <p>Ministry of Power has informed that Saharpur Jamarpani coal block was allocated to UPRVUNL on 13.08.2015 to meet the coal requirement of Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW), Harduganj Extn TPP (1 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) and Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW). Ministry of Power has stated that presently, all units of the linked End Use Plants (EUPs) associated with the said coal blocks are operational. Ministry of Power has also stated that surrender of the Saharpur Jamarpani coal block</p>

is under active consideration in Ministry of Coal. Ministry of Power has further stated that, with the lapse of bridge linkage, coal supply to End Use Plants (EUPs) of Saharpur Jamarpani coal block would be severely impacted, which would lead to loss of power generation. Ministry of Power has also informed that the bridge linkage is valid till 12.08.2026.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 29.07.2025 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for the Harduganj Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW), Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' (2 x 660 MW) and Panki TPP (1 x 660 MW) of UPRVUNL for a period of 1 year from Coal India Limited.

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