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Ministry of Coal

(कोयला मंत्रालय)

GPOA-3, Netaji Nagar,
New Delhi, the 5th August, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 3/2026

The undersigned is directed to say that the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector (SLC/LT No. 03/2026) 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 11.08.2026 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.



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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

Copy for information to:

- 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.

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Agenda for the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 03/2026.

Sl. No.	Issue
Agenda Item No. 1: 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) of MAHAGENCO:	Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd. (MAHAGENCO) vide letter dated 20.05.2026 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 (1 x 250 MW) for a further period of 3 year, i.e. from 01.09.2026 to 31.08.2029. Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 30.06.2026 has requested to consider the request of MAHAGENCO for extension of bridge linkage for one year. Ministry of Power has informed that Gare Palma Sector-II (GP-II) coal block was allocated by Ministry of Coal to MAHAGENCO on 24.03.2015 to meet the coal requirement of Koradi TPS Unit 8, 9 & 10 (3 x 660 MW), Chandrapur TPS Unit 8 & 9 (2 x 500 MW) and Parli TPS unit 8 (1 x 250 MW). Ministry of Power has informed that the bridge linkage of the end use plants of Gare Palma Sector-II is valid till August, 2026. Ministry of Power has informed that coal production from the Gare Palma Sector-II Coal Mines commenced in March 2026 and the mine is expected to achieve its PRC of 23.6 MTPA in a phased manner over the next 6-7 years. Further, the mine produced 0.08 MMT of coal during FY 2025-26, and production for FY 2026-27 is tentatively estimated at 1.8 MMT. Ministry of Power has also informed that the requirement of the EUPs of GP-II coal mines is 16.926 MTPA at G13 coal

	grade equivalent @85%PLF. Ministry of Power has stated that GP-II coal block is under development stage, therefore, coal supply to EUPs linked with this block would be affected, which would lead to loss of generation from these power plants. SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 29.07.2025 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of Koradi (3 x 660 MW), Chandrapur (2 x 500 MW) and Parli (1 x 250 MW) Thermal Power Plants of MAHAGENCO for a period of 1 year on tapering basis, from Coal India Limited. SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.
Agenda Item No. 2: Extension of Bridge Linkage for Barauni Stage II TPS (2 x 250 MW) of NTPC:	Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 22.07.2026 has requested to consider the request of NTPC for extension of bridge linkage for one year to avoid the loss of generation from the Barauni Stage II TPS (2 x 250 MW). Ministry of Power has informed that Badam coal block was transferred to NTPC on 02.09.2019 to meet the coal requirement of its Barauni TPS-II (2 x 250 MW). Ministry of Power has also informed that both units of Barauni Stage II TPS are under commercial operation. Ministry of Power has stated that the Badam coal block is under development and constraints of this block are mainly due to delays in land acquisition. Ministry of Power has also stated that the Badam coal block obtained FC & EC. The mine opening permission was received on 23.12.2025. Further, Ministry of Power has stated that all major statutory clearances for the Badam Coal Mine have been obtained but mining operations have not yet commenced due to local law-and-order

	issues and resistance from villagers. Ministry of Power has informed that the commencement of mining operations is expected by 30.09.2026, subject to resolution of these constraints. SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 04.12.2025 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for Barauni stage-II (2 x 250 MW) TPS of NTPC for a period of 1 year on tapering basis from Coal India Limited. SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.
Agenda Item No. 3: Coal linkage to the State of Uttarakhand under Para B (iv) of the erstwhile SHAKTI Policy:	Government of Uttarakhand (GoU) vide letter dated 22.06.2026 has informed that pursuant to the earmarking of coal linkage to the State of Uttarakhand for 1320 MW under para B (iv) of erstwhile SHAKTI Policy, 2017, 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. GoU has also informed that the procurement of 1320 MW thermal power is in accordance with the Resource Adequacy Study done by CEA for the State of Uttarkhand, which will cater the base load requirement of the State and also improve the reliability of power for the consumers of the State. Further, GoU has informed that due to certain unavoidable circumstances beyond the control of the State Government, including procedural approvals and regulatory clearances for Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) process in long term power procurement tender, it is anticipated that the process for achieving the necessary milestones may take longer than originally estimated.

	Government of Uttarakhand has requested that the validity of the coal earmarked be extended for one additional year, i.e. up to 27.03.2028, along with the timeline to power flow from FY 2030-31. Coal linkage to the State of Uttarakhand was earmarked by SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 11.03.2025 / 13.03.2025 from Coal India Limited for a capacity of 1320 MW under Para B (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 Uttarakhand to the coal company, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power. 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:	Tamil Nadu Power Generation Corporation Limited (TNPGL) vide letter dated 30.06.2026 has requested for extension of coal linkage under revised SHAKTI policy for ETPS Expansion Project for one year, as the validity of coal linkage is up to 07.08.2026. TNPGL has informed that the due date for the tender floated for the Procurement of Power from ETPS Expansion Project to be establishment under PPP mode has been extended from 20.05.2026 to 15.07.2026. Further, TNPGL has informed that the extension is due to delay in the decision on a pre-bid query pertaining to the project completion timeline, which is based on TNIDB's (Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board) suggestion / decision. In this regard, TNIDB has informed TNPGL that a decision on the aforesaid pre-bid query pertaining to the project completion timeline could be taken only in consultation

	with the State government (subcommittee) by TNIDB, consequent upon the formation of the new Government in Tamil Nadu. TNPGL has stated that as the due date of tender opening is extended to 15.07.2026, the successful bidder will be identified thereafter. Coal linkage to the State of Tamil Nadu was earmarked by SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 29.07.2025 from Coal India Limited for a capacity of 660 MW under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025. While earmarking the linkage, SLC (LT) had also recommended that successful bidder(s) shall be identify 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. SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.
Agenda Item No. 5: Coal linkage to the 1600 MW (2 x 800 MW) of Chandrapura Thermal Power Project of DVC-CIL Power Private Limited (DCPPL):	Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 14.07.2026 has requested to consider the request of DVC-CIL Power Private Limited (DCPPL) for earmarking a long-term coal linkage for its 1600 MW (2 x 800 MW) Chandrapura Thermal Power Project under Window-I of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025. Ministry of Power has stated that DCPPL is a Joint Venture Company of DVC & CIL. Now, DCPPL has planned to set up 1600 MW expansion project at Chandrapura (Brownfield expansion) with the land available in the plant. DCPPL has stated that the plant is being set up at DVC's existing Chandrapura TPP is 500 MW (2 x 250 MW) as a brownfield expansion project. Ministry of Power has informed that the aforesaid proposed plant has no existing coal linkage and is not a EUP of any captive coal mine. Further,

	Ministry of Power has informed that the anticipated date of order for main plant is May, 2027 with anticipated date of commercial operation (COD) in FY 2031-32. Ministry of Power has also informed the proposed plant does not have any PPA and the preferred coal source for the proposed plant is North Karanpura coalfield of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL). Coal linkages to the Power Sector are presently granted under the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025. Para 2 (II) (A) (iii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy provides that the Joint Ventures (JVs) formed between or within CPSUs and State Government / State PSUs may be granted coal linkage by Coal India Limited / Singareni Collieries Company Limited based upon the recommendation from Ministry of Power. SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.
Agenda Item No. 6: Coal linkage to the 1350 MW (5 x 270 MW) of Sinnar Thermal Power Plant of Sinnar Thermal Power Limited (STPL):	Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 03.08.2026 has requested to consider earmarking a long-term domestic coal linkage under Window-I of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 for the capacity of 1350 MW (5 x 270 MW) Sinnar Thermal Power Plant of Sinnar Thermal Power Limited (STPL). Ministry of Power has stated that STPL is a Joint Venture Company of MAHAGENCO and NTPC Limited with equity participation in the ratio of 50:50. Further, Ministry of Power has stated that the Sinnar Thermal Power Plant of STPL with a capacity of 1350 MW (5 x 270 MW) have already achieved full load trial run but under shutdown since 2017. The anticipated date of COD for Unit 1, Unit 2, Unit 3, Unit 4 and Unit

	5 is 30.11.2026, 31.12.2026, 31.08.2028, 31.10.2028 and 31.12.2028 respectively, with anticipated date of start of coal drawl from 01.11.2026. The preferred coal source is SECL – Korba area and MCL – Sardega. Ministry of Power has informed that the Sinnar Thermal Power Plant of STPL is considered as a Central Genco for the purpose of coal linkage allocation under Window-I of Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025. Ministry of Power has also informed that STPL requested Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) to enter into long term PPA with STPL under section 62 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for the two units proposed to be recommissioned by the end of this year. It has further been stated that PPA would subsequently be extended to all five units in a phased manner after completion of revival activities. Ministry of Power has informed that as per the Long-Term Resource Adequacy Plan (Generation) of MSEDCL (2026-27 to 2035-36), MSEDCL does not require any additional coal-based generation capacity up to FY 2032-33. After that, the total additional coal-based capacity requirement from FY 2033-34 to FY 2035-36 for MSEDCL is 2200 MW. However, STPL has clarified Ministry of Power that MSEDCL is reviewing its long-term resource planning and may revise the coal-based capacity addition plan up to FY 2032-33 and the matter is presently under active consideration by MSEDCL. Further, Ministry of Power has informed that STPL is actively pursuing long-term PPAs with various State Utilities / Distribution Companies. Ministry of Power has also informed that
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	the revival of the STPL is in line with the Ministry of Power Advisory dated 01.11.2023 to all States / State owned Generating companies (GENCOs) to actively participate in the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) for acquisition and revival of stressed thermal power assets that are strategically and commercially significant for the respective States. Acting upon this policy initiative of the Ministry of Power, NTPC and MAHAGENCO jointly acquired STPL through the CIRP process on 28.11.2025. Considering that STPL is a Central Genco and the scheduled COD of Unit 1 and Unit 2 is expected by Nov-Dec 2026 and the STPL is actively pursuing with various State Utilities / Discoms for long term PPAs apart from MSEDCL, Ministry of Power has requested to earmark long term coal linkage to STPL under Window-I of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 for the capacity of 1350 MW (5 x 270 MW) Coal linkages to the Power Sector are presently granted under the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025. Para 2 (II) (A) (iii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy provides that the Joint Ventures (JVs) formed between or within CPSUs and State Government / State PSUs may be granted coal linkage by Coal India Limited / Singareni Collieries Company Limited based upon the recommendation from Ministry of Power. SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.
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