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Ministry of Coal

(कोयला मंत्रालय)

Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi, the 13th July, 2023

To

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2. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
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Khairatabad PO, Hyderabad, Telangana

Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC (LT) No. 03/23

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the approved minutes of the meeting of the SLC (LT) for Power Sector held on 16.06.2023 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,

(Hitlar Singh)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) for Power Sector held on 16.06.2023 [SLC (LT) 3 / 2023]

At the outset, the participants to the meeting were welcomed. The discussions held on the various agenda items and the recommendations of the SLC (LT) are as under

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.04.2023

Record of Discussion: There were no comments.

Recommendation: Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.04.2023 are confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2: Long Term coal linkage to SJVN Thermal Power (Pvt.) Limited, Buxar Thermal Power Project Stage – II, Unit – 3 (1 x 660 MW):

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 22.05.2023 has requested to consider the request of SJVN Thermal Power (Pvt) Limited (SJVNLT) for grant of long term coal linkage to the proposed Unit – 3 (1 x 660 MW) at Buxar Thermal Power Project Stage – II of SJVNLT under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy for the consideration of SLC (LT). Ministry of Power has stated that SJVNLT has planned to install 1 x 660 MW Unit – 3 at Buxar Thermal Power Project and the same has been included by CEA as a candidate plant in the proposed additional capacity requirement by the year 2029-30. Ministry of Power has also stated that the proposed project is not linked with any captive coal mine.

Record of Discussion: Project Proponent (SJVNLT) stated that Buxar Thermal Power Project Stage – II, Unit – 3 (1 x 660 MW) of SJVNLT is a new unit and requested for fresh coal linkage from Coal India Limited.

Ministry of Power recommended for coal linkage under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy to the proposed unit of SJVNLT. CEA informed that Buxar Thermal Power Project Stage – II, Unit – 3 (1 x 660 MW) of SJVNLT has been included as a candidate plant in the proposed additional capacity requirement by the year 2029-30 and recommended for grant of coal linkage under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy.

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NITI Aayog recommended for grant of fresh coal linkage.

Representative from O/o the Nominated Authority (NA) / P&S Division confirmed that SJVNL is not allotted any coal block.

Coal India Limited stated that it can offer coal from its sources as per availability which may include cost plus sources as well.

Recommendation: In view of the recommendation of Ministry of Power and CEA, SLC (LT) recommended for grant of coal linkage to Buxar Thermal Power Project Stage – II, Unit – 3 (1 x 660 MW) of SJVNL under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy from Coal India Limited.

Agenda Item No. 3: Long Term coal linkage to Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Ltd. (GSECL) Super Critical Extension Unit No. 7 (1 x 800 MW) at Ukai Thermal Power Plant:

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 10.05.2023 has requested to take up the matter of grant of long term coal linkage to the proposed Super Critical Extension Unit No. 7 (1 x 800 MW) at Ukai Thermal Power Plant of Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Ltd. (GSECL) under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy for the consideration of SLC (LT). Ministry of Power has stated that GSECL has planned to install 1 x 800 MW Unit No. 7 at Ukai Thermal Power Station and the same has been included by CEA as a candidate plant in the proposed additional capacity requirement by the year 2029-30.

Record of Discussion: Project Proponent (GSECL) stated that Super Critical Extension Unit No. 7 (1 x 800 MW) at Ukai Thermal Power Plant is expected to be commissioned by May, 2028 and requested for coal linkage from Coal India Limited.

Ministry of Power recommended for coal linkage under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy to the proposed Unit 7 of Ukai Thermal Power Plant. CEA informed that GSECL Ukai Thermal Power Plant Unit No. 7 (1 x 800 MW) has been included as a candidate plant in the proposed additional capacity requirement by the year 2029-30 and recommended for grant of coal linkage under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy. NITI Aayog recommended for grant of fresh coal linkage.

Representative from O/o the Nominated Authority (NA) / P&S Division stated that GSECL does not



have any captive coal block at present.

Coal India Limited stated that it can offer coal from its sources as per availability which may include cost plus sources as well.

Recommendation: In view of the recommendation of Ministry Power and CEA, SLC (LT) recommended for grant of coal linkage to GSECL Super Critical Extension Unit No. 7 (1 x 800 MW) at Ukai Thermal Power Plant under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy from Coal India Limited.

Agenda Item No. 4: Long term coal linkage to the proposed 2 x 800 MW Koderma Thermal Power Plant Phase – II of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC):

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 10.05.2023 has requested to take up the matter of grant of long term coal linkage to the proposed 2 x 800 MW Koderma Thermal Power Plant Phase – II of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy for the consideration of SLC (LT). Ministry of Power has stated that DVC has planned to install 2 x 800 MW units at Koderma Thermal Power Station and these units have been included by CEA as candidate plant in the proposed additional capacity requirement by the year 2029 – 30. Further, Ministry of Power has accorded in-principal approval for the project. Ministry of Power has also stated that the proposed project is not linked to any captive coal mine of DVC.

Record of Discussion: Project Proponent (DVC) requested for coal linkage for 2 x 800 MW Koderma Thermal Power Plant Phase – II of DVC.

Ministry of Power recommended for coal linkage under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy to the proposed Koderma Thermal Power Plant Phase – II (2 x 800 MW) of DVC. CEA informed that proposed Koderma Thermal Power Plant Phase – II (2 x 800 MW) of DVC has been included as a candidate plant in the proposed additional capacity requirement by the year 2029-30 and recommended for grant of coal linkage under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy. NITI Aayog recommended for grant of fresh coal linkage.

Representative from O/o the Nominated Authority (NA) / P&S Division confirmed that the Koderma

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Thermal Power Plant Phase – II (2 x 800 MW) of DVC is not linked to any captive coal mine.

Coal India Limited stated that it can offer coal from its sources as per availability which may include cost plus sources as well.

Recommendation: In view of the recommendation of Ministry Power and CEA, SLC (LT) recommended for grant of coal linkage to Koderma Thermal Power Plant Phase – II (2 x 800 MW) of DVC under Para B (i) of SHAKTI Policy from Coal India Limited.

Agenda Item No. 5: Coal Linkage under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the State of Madhya Pradesh:

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 Madhya Pradesh for a capacity of 2640 MW. SLC (LT) had also recommended that in case the tariff based bidding gets delayed, then the same shall be informed by the concerned State Government to the coal company, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power. 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) recommended for continuation of coal linkage earmarked under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI to the State of Madhya Pradesh to the extent of power requirement 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. The Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.09.2022 were issued on 17.11.2022. Therefore, in terms of the recommendations of the SLC (LT), the FSAs with the coal companies were to be signed by 16.05.2023.

Energy Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh (GoMP) vide letter dated 28.04.2023 has informed that the successful bidder i.e. Adani Power Limited (APL), had recommended to transfer Power Supply Agreement (PSA) dated 12.03.2020 to its another 100 % owned subsidiary Mahan Energen Limited, which was considered by the State Government. GoMP has also stated that the

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transfer of PSA can only be done after an amendment to the PSA, which requires prior approval of the State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERC) and therefore, it is difficult to sign the FSA within the timelines. GoMP expects a requirement of 4 months time from the date of approval of the agreement of the PSA dated 12.03.2020 by the SERC for the execution of FSA by Mahan Energen Limited with the coal company.

Record of Discussion: MPPMCL informed that the successful bidder APL has filed a petition in the SERC for amendment to the Power Supply Agreement (PSA) and the next date of hearing in the matter is 18.07.2023. It was also informed that Mahan Energen Limited is a 100 % subsidiary of APL. MPPMCL requested for extension of timelines for signing of FSA with the coal companies for a period of 4 months from the date of approval of the agreement of the PSA by the SERC.

Ministry of Power vide O.M No. FU-4/2022-FSC dated 16.06.2023 recommended for extension of timeline by 4 months for signing of FSA. Representative from Ministry of Power recommended that the extension may be considered from the date of issuance of the Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT).

CEA stated that the tariff based bidding under SHAKTI B (iv) was undertaken by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for procurement of 1230 MW power and MPPMCL had selected APL as the successful bidder and a LoA was also issued to the successful bidder. CEA also stated that a PSA has also been signed between M/s PENCH Thermal Energy (MP) Ltd. (PTEMPL), a SPV of APL and MPPMCL on 12.03.2020. Therefore, transfer of PSA to Mahan Energen Limited needs to be examined legally.

NITI Aayog recommended for extension of timelines for signing of FSA, however, also stated that there are legal issues involved in the matter.

It was discussed that SLC (LT) is not going into the merit of the transfer of PSA to the subsidiary of APL and therefore, any legality involved in the transfer of the PSA is not being examined in the SLC (LT). It was also discussed that it is the Government of Madhya Pradesh to examine the legal aspects of the transfer of PSA. SLC (LT) also discussed that timeline requested by Government of Madhya



Pradesh (GoMP) is not finite as the time required for the approval of SERC is not known. It was considered that as the time period for signing of FSAs has lapsed, hence, the extension may be considered from the date of issuance of the Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT).

Coal India Limited stated that it does not have any issue if the timelines are extended, however, it is desirable that a definite time period be given for the signing of FSA as the coal companies need to work out the coal availability and supply situation.

SLC (LT) considered that Ministry of Power has recommended for extension of timeline by 4 months for signing of FSA, however, it would be better if the extension is considered for the date of issuance of the Minutes of the Meeting. SLC (LT) also reiterated that it is not considering the merits of the transfer of PSA to the subsidiary of APL and any recommendation shall be limited to the timeline for signing of FSA only.

Recommendations: In view of the recommendation of Ministry of Power, SLC (LT) recommended that the FSA be signed by the successful bidder (s) with the coal companies within 4 months of the date of issuance of the Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) and also clarified that the recommendation is for 1230 MW only for which Tariff Based Bidding has been undertaken by MPPMCL.

Agenda Item No. 6: Coal Linkage under Para B (iv) of SHAKTI Policy to the State of Gujarat:

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. The Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 21.09.2022 were issued on 17.11.2022. Therefore, in terms of the recommendations of the SLC (LT), the FSAs with the coal companies were to be signed by 16.05.2023.

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 23.05.2023 has stated that Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL) had invited tender for tie up of upto 3000 MW capacity based on the guidelines of Ministry of Power, however, delay by Coal India Limited in sharing the draft FSA with GUVNL has delayed the conclusion of bidding process. Ministry of Power has also stated that Gujarat is willing to tie up maximum capacity at optimum rates utilizing the coal linkage earmarked under SHAKTI B (iv). Ministry of Power has requested that the balance quantity shall not be considered as lapsed for next 3 months.

There is a delay in signing of FSA. Ministry of Power has also requested for not considering the balance quantity as lapsed.

Record of Discussion: 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. However, the conclusion of tender process has got delayed as Coal India Limited had not shared the draft FSA till recently. GUVNL informed that the draft FSA is required to be incorporated in the PPA as per the bidding documents of Ministry of Power and bidders have been requesting to share the draft FSA for enabling them to analyze the commercial aspects of the bid. It was also stated that the draft FSA was shared by Coal India Limited on 10.05.2023 and as soon as the FSA was received, the Tender Document was floated by GUVNL. Further, the financial bids have been opened and the matching bids process is currently going on. GUVNL requested to extend the timeline for signing of FSA by the successful bidders of the Tender Process with the coal companies for 3 months.

Ministry of Power recommended to extend the FSA signing time period for another 3 months. CEA also recommended to extend the time period for signing of FSA by the successful bidders for 3 months.



Coal India Limited stated that it does not have any issues if the FSA signing timelines are extended.

NITI Aayog also recommended for extension of timelines for signing of FSA by another 3 months and also suggested that this extension should be considered from the date of issuance of the Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) as the FSAs with the coal companies were to be signed by 16.05.2023 and the time period has already lapsed. Ministry of Power / CEA also recommended for considering the extension of time period from the date of issuance of the Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT).

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 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 Bidding has been undertaken by GUVNL.

Agenda Item No. 7: Enhancement in Annual Contracted Quantity (ACQ) of coastal power plants:

The Annual Contracted Quantity (ACQ) of power plants was increased upto 100% of the normative requirement, in the cases where the ACQ was reduced to 90% of normative requirement (non-coastal) or where the ACQ was reduced to 70% of normative requirement (coastal power plants). The decision to increase the ACQ upto 100 % of the normative requirement for the coastal power plants was taken in the meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 04.02.2021. SLC (LT) had also recommended that such coastal power plants whose ACQ is increased to 100 % would have to sign FSA with the coal companies within 3 months from the date of issue of the SLC (LT) recommendations. In addition, in the case of coastal power plants having existing long term PPAs under Section 63 of the Electricity Act, Ministry of Power shall work out a methodology to ensure that the benefits accrued to the power plants as a result of increase in ACQ are passed on to the consumers.

The recommendation of SLC (LT) for increasing the ACQ up to 100 % of the normative requirement for the coastal power plants where ACQ was restricted to 70 % of the normative requirement has not been implemented so far by Coal India Limited in the case of Section 63 PPA(s) for want of the



methodology from Ministry of Power as per the recommendation of the SLC (LT).

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 12.05.2023 has recommended a methodology for the Section 63 PPAs of Sembcorp Energy India Limited (SEIL) to ensure that the benefits due to change in ACQ from 70 % to 100 % are passed on to the consumers.

While increasing the ACQ of the coastal power plants, SLC (LT) had also recommended for signing of FSAs with the coal companies within 3 months from the date of issue of the SLC (LT) recommendations. The recommendations of the SLC (LT) after the approval were issued on 01.03.2021. Therefore, the timeline of 3 months for signing of FSA has already lapsed.

Record of Discussions: SLC (LT) discussed that the ACQ of the power plants were increased to 100 % of the normative requirement in view of increased availability of domestic coal. However, the decision in the case of Section 63 PPAs of the coastal power plants has not been implemented by Coal India Limited for want of the methodology from Ministry of Power as per the recommendation of the SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 04.02.2021. It was also discussed that Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 12.05.2023 has recommended a methodology for the Section 63 PPAs of Sembcorp Energy India Limited (SEIL) [one of the Coastal Power Plants whose ACQ was reduced to 70 % of the normative requirement as per the decision of the SLC (LT) in 2008] to ensure that the benefits due to change in ACQ from 70 % to 100 % are passed on to the consumers.

Ministry of Power stated that since the methodology has been recommended by it, hence, the decision to increase the ACQ of SEIL be implemented by Coal India Limited. However, CEA stated that the methodology recommended by Ministry of Power is actually not a methodology and are the comments of CEA in the matter of the PPAs of SEIL and therefore, the methodology recommended by Ministry of Power needs to be examined further.

Coal India Limited stated that the ACQs of the power plants were reduced in 2008 in view of domestic coal shortage situation in the country, however, the ACQs were restored to 100 % of the normative requirement in 2020 / 2021 because of the increased domestic coal availability. Coal India Limited also stated that the ACQ has been increased to 100 % from 90 % in the case of non-coastal

power plants and the decision has also been implemented in the case of coastal power plants having Section 62 PPA. However, ACQ has not been increased in the case of coastal power plants having Section 63 PPAs because a methodology is required for passing on the benefits. Coal India Limited also stated that the methodology should be such that the benefits are passed on the Discoms and in the absence of a methodology, the decision to increase the ACQ in the case of coastal power plants having Section 63 PPAs cannot be implemented. Coal India Limited also stated that in view of the increased availability of domestic coal, efforts should be there to increase domestic coal supplies and if the domestic coal is not supplied, the coal imports will increase.

SLC (LT) discussed that a methodology has been provided by Ministry of Power, however, that needs to be examined as per the opinion of CEA. Ministry of Power was, therefore, requested to confirm if the methodology recommended by it can be proceeded with. Representative from Ministry of Power, however, requested that the same needs further examination in view of the comments of CEA. It was discussed that since Ministry of Power is the authority for passing on the benefits in the case of PPAs, hence, the matter may be examined by Ministry of Power further and a methodology be issued.

Recommendation: In view of the discussions held, SLC (LT) recommended that Ministry of Power may take a final view on the methodology recommended by it for the case of coastal power plants having existing long term PPAs under Section 63 of the Electricity Act, so as to ensure that the benefits accrued to the power plants as a result of increase in ACQ is passed on to the consumers.

Agenda Item No. 8: Extension of Bridge Linkage of Harduaganj Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW), Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) and Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) of UPRVUNL:

UPRVUNL vide letter dated 02.05.2023 has requested for extension of Bridge Linkage of the End Use Plants (EUPs) of its Saharpur Jamarpani coal block for a period of 5 years. Bridge Linkage of EUPs of Saharpur Jamarpani coal block viz. Harduaganj Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW), Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) and Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) has been extended for 1 year in the meetings of the SLC (LT) held on 08.08.2022, 28.10.2022 and 21.02.2023. Bridge



Linkage of these plants of UPRVUNL is valid upto 12.08.2023.

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 26.05.2023 has also requested to take up the request of UPRVUNL for extension of Bridge Linkage for consideration of the SLC (LT) in order to avoid the loss of generation / delay in commissioning activities from Saharpur Jamarpani coal block linked with the power plant. Ministry of Power has informed that Harduaganj Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) is operational and the expected commissioning of Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) & Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) is June, 2023/December, 2023; June, 2023/January, 2024 & January, 2024 respectively.

As regards the progress in development of Saharpur Jamarpani coal block, Ministry of Power has informed that selection of MDO is in process and NIT for the selection of MDO was issued on 03.10.2022, however, due to no participation in the Tender Process, bids have been extended 6 times and later the tender was cancelled. Further, the Tender Documents are being modified by NLCIL. In addition, CMPDIL is yet to start the exploration work citing law & order issues.

Record of Discussions: Project Proponent (UPRVUNL) stated that one unit each of Obra 'C' TPP and Jawaharpur TPP is getting commissioned in July, 2023 and the other units are under construction and getting commissioned in December, 2023. Further, Panki Extension TPP would get commissioned in January, 2024. Further, Harduaganj Extension TPP is already operational. UPRVUNL also stated that selection of MDO is already in process, however, due to no participation in the Tender Process for selection of MDO, bids have been extended 6 times. However, UPRVUNL is keen to develop the coal block.

Ministry of Power recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage in view of delays in the development of the Saharpur Jamarpani coal block. CEA also recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage and also stated that another 5 – 6 years will be required to operationalize the coal block.

NTPC recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage and also suggested that extensions should be in line with the commissioning of the production from the coal blocks. SCCL agreed to the suggestion of NTPC.



NITI Aayog recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage.

Representative from O/o the Nominated Authority stated that Saharpur Jamarpani coal block was allocated to UPRVUNL in May, 2015 and coal production from the coal block will take another 5 years from the start of drilling activities. It was also stated that there has been no sincere efforts by UPRVUNL to develop the coal block.

Coal India Limited stated that it can offer coal from its sources as per availability which may include cost plus sources as well and it does not have any issues in supplying bridge linkage coal to the plants of UPRVUNL.

Recommendations: In view of the discussions held and the recommendation of Ministry of Power, SLC (LT) recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for the Harduaganj Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW), Jawaharpur TPP (2 x 660 MW), Obra 'C' TPP (2 x 660 MW) & Panki Extension TPP (1 x 660 MW) of UPRVUNL for a period of 1 year. The rates of coal supplies against the extended Bridge Linkage would be decided by Coal India Limited.

Agenda Item No. 9: Extension of Bridge Linkage of Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) of NUPPL:

Neyvelli Uttar Pradesh Power Limited (NUPPL) vide letter dated 29.04.2023 has requested to consider the excess coal requirement of Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) as Bridge Linkage for a period from 2023-24 to 2026-27. NUPPL has stated that Pachhwara South coal block has been allocated as linked coal mine for Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) and the coal block is expected to start production from the year 2023-24. Peak Rated Capacity (PRC) for the coal block would be reached in 2027-28. NUPPL has also mentioned that NLCIL Talabira II & III coal mines were considered as an alternative arrangement in order to meet excess requirement till the linked coal block i.e. Pachhwara South; becomes operational. However, due to various constraints viz. higher landed cost of coal from Talabira II & III coal mine and the grade of coal being G 13 at Talabira II & III coal mine, the arrangement from Talabira II & III coal mines is impractical. NUPPL has stated that all the three units of Ghatampur TPP are expected to be commissioned in FY 2023-24.

Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 07.06.2023 has also requested to consider the request of NUPPL

for the allocation of excess coal requirement of Ghatampur TPP as Bridge Linkage for the period 2023-24 to 2026-27. Ministry of Power has informed that Units 1 - 3 of Ghatampur TPP would get commissioned in July, 2023, October, 2023 & December, 2023 respectively. Further, production from the linked Pachhwara South coal block is expected to commence in FY 2023-24.

SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 19.05.2021 had considered the matter of Bridge Linkage of Ghatampur TPP and had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for the Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) of NUPPL upto 2023-24. The recommendation of the SLC (LT) was further examined and during the examination, NUPPL vide letter dated 21.07.2021 had stated that the coal requirement of Ghatampur TPP can be met from Talabira II & III coal mines and had requested for Bridge Linkage of 1.904 MT for the year 2022-23 only. Accordingly, vide letter no. CPD-23014/2/2021-CPD dated 11.08.2021, Bridge Linkage of 1.904 MT was granted from Coal India Limited for the TPP for the year 2022-23 only. The Bridge Linkage of Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) was valid till 31.03.2023.

Record of Discussion: Project Proponent (NUPPL) stated that the production from Pachhwara South coal block would commence in FY 2023-24 and the estimated production in the FY 2023-24 is 0.5 MT. It was also stated that PRC of the coal block would be achieved in FY 2027-28. Accordingly, the shortfall in coal requirement of Ghatampur TPP after taking into account the coal production from the linked coal mine is required as Bridge Linkage till 2026-27. NUPPL also stated that Ghatampur TPP is in advanced stage of commissioning and the 1st Unit shall come up in July, 2023. NUPPL stated that the coal requirement for Ghatampur TPP for FY 2023-24 is 2.64 MT.

Ministry of Power / CEA recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for Ghatampur TPP. NITI Aayog also recommended to extend the Bridge Linkage.

NTPC stated that NLCIL is selling its surplus coal from Talabira II & III coal mine through e-auctions, hence, coal from Talabira II & III coal mine may be supplied to Ghatampur TPP.

Representative from O/o the Nominated Authority / P&S Division stated that production from Pachhwara South coal block has not started and it is expected that Mine Opening Permission shall be obtained in July, 2023. At present, EC / FC is under process. Further, production from the coal mine is



expected to start in another 2 years. Representative from O/o the Nominated Authority / P&S Division also stated that there is no restriction in using the coal from Talabira II & III coal mine in Ghatampur TPP as per the provisions of CM (SP) Act & Rules. It was also stated that at present, there is no intimation from NLCIL for transfer to coal from Talabira II & III coal mine to Ghatampur TPP. It was informed that the production target for Talabira II & III coal mine for the FY 2023-24 is 12 MT. Representative from O/o the Nominated Authority / P&S Division also recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage.

Coal India Limited stated that it has no issues in supplying Bridge Linkage coal to Ghatampur TPP, however, the coal shall be of any grade / from any source as per the availability, which may include cost plus sources as well. Coal India Limited also stated that as NLCIL is selling its surplus coal from Talabira II & III coal mine, hence, NLCIL may consider utilizing the coal from Talabira II & III coal mine in its Ghatampur TPP. Coal India Limited also informed that till now, no Bridge Linkage coal has been supplied to Ghatampur TPP.

SLC (LT) discussed that the last extension of Bridge Linkage of Ghatampur TPP for 1.904 MT was in view of the letter dated 21.07.2021 of NUPPL wherein it was stated that the coal requirement of Ghatampur TPP can be met from Talabira II & III coal mines and Bridge Linkage of 1.904 MT was requested for the year 2022-23 only. The Bridge Linkage of Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) was valid till 31.03.2023.

NUPPL stated that it is not possible to divert the coal from Talabira II & III coal mine to Ghatampur TPP.

Advisor (Projects), Ministry of Coal stated that NUPPL is a JV of NLCIL and moreover, Talabira II & III coal mine is not a link mine of Ghatampur TPP. Advisor (Projects), Ministry of Coal recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of Ghatampur TPP.

Recommendation: In view of the discussions held and the recommendation of Ministry of Power / CEA, 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 rates of coal supplies against the extended

Bridge Linkage would be decided by Coal India Limited.

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