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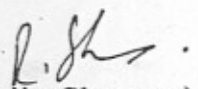
Subject: Coal Linkages for consumers for power, cement and sponge iron

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Long term Coal linkages to the core sector consumers in the Power and Cement sectors are being issued through the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) which is an inter-ministerial body chaired by the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal. Coal linkages for sponge iron manufacturers which were earlier approved by the Standing Linkage Committee in the Ministry of Steel will now be released through the SLC notified recently in the Ministry of Coal, chaired by the Additional Secretary.

2. So far there has been a multi entry access for such applications, i.e. at the Ministry of Coal as well as at the nodal Departments/Ministries and at Coal India Limited as well. In order to facilitate consumers and streamline procedures further, it has now been decided that with effect from 1st December 2005, all applications for grant of Coal linkages from Captive Power Plants and Independent Power Producers, cement and sponge iron sectors will have a single point entry. As such, all such applications (in triplicate) in prescribed format and having requisite enclosures must be made to the Additional Secretary (Coal) & Chairman, Standing Linkage Committee. Incomplete applications will not be entertained. Such applications should be sent to the Under Secretary(CPD), Ministry of Coal who will receive and arrange to assign a priority number on each application, found complete on scrutiny.

The priority of claims of applicants will arise from the date of receipt of the applications complete in all respect, at the Ministry of Coal. The format for application in respect of CPPs/IPPs, cement and sponge iron and the list of documents required to be enclosed with these applications would be available at the website of the Ministry of Coal ([http:// coal.gov.in](http://coal.gov.in)) after 5th December, 2005.


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