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Ministry of Coal
(कोयला मंत्रालय)
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GPOA-3, Netaji Nagar,
New Delhi, the 10th March, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 01/2026

The undersigned is directed to say that the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector (SLC/LT No. 01/2026) 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 16.03.2026 at 4:00 PM. Venue for the meeting is conference hall, room no. 321-A, 3rd floor, Shastri Bhawan, 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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Date: 10-03-2026
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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.	Advisor (Projects), Ministry of Coal	Member

5.	Joint Secretary (Thermal), Ministry of Power, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi	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)
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. NIC, Ministry of Coal - with the request to place it in the website of Ministry of Coal for information of all concerned.

Encl: (1)

Enclosure

Agenda for the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 01/2026.

Sl. No.	Issue
Agenda Item No. 1: Extension of Bridge Linkage of Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) of NUPPL:	NLC India Limited (NLCIL) vide letter dated 30.12.2025 has stated that Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd (NUPPL), a Joint Venture of NLCIL and Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd (UPRVUNL), is establishing the 3 x 660 MW coal based supercritical Ghatampur Thermal Power Project (GTPP) at Ghatampur, Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh along with a linked coal mine Pachwara South Coal Block (PSCB), Dumka, Jharkhand. NLCIL has informed that the Commercial Operation Declaration (COD) of the Unit I and Unit II have already been done on 12.12.2024 and 09.12.2025 respectively. The COD for Unit-III is also expected in February, 2026. NLCIL has also informed that the linked PSCB is expected to start coal production in FY 2025-26 and reach its Peak rated capacity (PRC) in FY 2029-30. NLCIL has further informed that as per the mine production plan, the coal production from the linked PSCB is 2 MT for the FY 2026-27. NLCIL has stated that the NCL are nearest to GTPP. Moreover, the grade of coal at NCL mines is G-10, similar to the coal grade of PSCB which is the critical design parameter of the boilers of NUPPL units. Further, transporting Bridge Linkage coal for GTPP from NCL mines which is near to NUPPL will result in lower logistics cost of coal and Energy cost in the public interest. NLCIL has requested for allocation of 6.58 MT of G-10 Bridge Linkage coal for FY 2026-27 from NCL mines of CIL for operation of all three units of GTPP in FY 2026-27.

	Ministry of Power vide OM dated 22.01.2026 has requested to consider the request of NLCIL for extension of bridge linkage for GTPP (3 x 660 MW) of NUPPL, for one year. However, Ministry of Power has also stated that NLC / NUPPL may also explore possibility of getting coal under Window-II of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 at premium above notified price, keeping in view the cost benefit analysis of linkage coal under Window-II vis-à-vis Bridge Linkage. SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 11.03.2025 / 13.03.2025 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for GTPP (3 x 660 MW) of NUPPL for a period of 1 year on tapering basis from Coal India Limited. Bridge Linkage for GTPP (3 x 660 MW) is valid till March, 2026. **SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.**
Agenda Item No. 2: Extension of Bridge Linkage of Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram TPP (DCRTPP), Unit-3, 1 x 800 MW (exp.), Yamuna Nagar of HPGCL:	Haryana Power Generation Corporation Limited (HPGCL) vide letter dated 19.01.2026 has stated that Kalyanpur Badalpara coal block has been allocated to HPGCL for meeting the requirement of its upcoming 1 x 800 MW expansion unit at Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram TPP (DCRTPP), Yamunanagar. HPGCL has informed that bridge linkage for DCRTPP, Yamunanagar was granted through BCCL for a period of three years and remains valid upto 23.02.2026. HPGCL has also informed that the commissioning of the 800 MW unit at DCRTPP is scheduled for March, 2029 and the coal would be required in September, 2028 for start-up and testing. The continued coal supply will be essential to ensure timely commissioning and operation of the unit as the coal production from the allocated block is likely to commence in April, 2030. HPGCL has requested to grant bridge linkage of 3.7 MTPA for the interim period i.e. from September, 2028 till the commencement of coal supply from the Kalyanpur Badalpara coal block (in April, 2030) to meet the coal requirement of expansion unit at DCRTPP (1 x 800

	MW), Yamunanagar so that coal supply during this period remains uninterrupted. Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 16.02.2026 has requested to consider grant of bridge linkage starting from September, 2028 for a period of three years to the expansion unit at DCRTPP (1 x 800 MW) of HPGCL. In case, approval of bridge linkage from future date is not considered by SLC(LT), Ministry of Power has also requested not to cancel the existing bridge linkage and allow HPGCL to apply again for bridge linkage within one year prior to the requirement of coal. Ministry of Power has advised HPGCL to expedite the preparation of mining plan since quantum of bridge linkage would be decided keeping in view of the approved mining plan. Ministry of Power has informed that the Mining plan of Kalyanpur Badalpara coal block is under preparation and is scheduled to be prepared by June, 2027 and coal production from the said block is expected to commence by May, 2030. Ministry of Power has observed that DCRTPP (1 x 800 MW), Yamunanagar, is anticipated for commissioning by March, 2029 and the coal for start-up / trial run would be required from September, 2028. Thus, even if the bridge linkage is extended for say another three years, it would be valid only till February, 2029, whereas the production from the coal mine is expected to start from May, 2030 and it might take 2-3 years to reach PRC. Thus, the bridge linkage will also need to be extended in future. In view of above, Ministry of Power has informed that extending bridge linkage from February, 2026 may not be beneficial for HPGCL. SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 19.09.2023 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram TPP (DCRTPP), Unit-3, 1 x 800 MW (exp.), Yamuna Nagar of HPGCL

	from Coal India Limited for a further period of 3 years i.e. upto 23.02.2026. **SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.**
Agenda Item No. 3: Coal linkage to the State of Chhattisgarh under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy:	Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 16.02.2026 has stated that Gare Palma-III (GP-III) coal block has been allocated to Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company Limited (CSPGCL) by Ministry of Coal on 14.09.2015 to meet the coal requirement of Marwa TPP (2 x 500 MW) and both the units of Marwa TPP are under commercial operation. Ministry of Power has informed that PRC of GP-III coal block is 5 MTPA [4 MTPA from Open cast (OC) mine and 1 MTPA from Underground (UG) mine] and the PRC of 4 MTPA from OC mines of GP-III was achieved in 2023-24, in line with the approved mining plan, but the production from UG mines of GP-III is yet to start and would not start until 2030-31. Ministry of Power has also informed that CSPGCL has entrusted CIMFR for scientific study, for design of support system for proposed underground drivage in consideration with overburden load of internal dumps at GP-III coal mine. CIMFR in its report has stated that for safe and secure underground mine operations, the drivage of incline should start at least after 09 years of commencement of mining operation. Thus, considering that mine opening permission was granted in March 2019, drivage of incline would start from March 2028. In this regard, Ministry of Power has informed that CSPGCL is in the process of revising the mining plan. Considering the above, Ministry of Power has requested to consider coal linkage of 0.415 MTPA for Marwa TPP (2 x 500 MW) **[i.e. Coal requirement (5.415 MT) – PRC (5 MT)]** to the State of Chhattisgarh under Window-I of Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025. Further, Ministry of Power has also requested to grant medium term linkage for additional 1 MTPA to the State of Chhattisgarh against the non-production of coal from the UG mines of GP-III, since the

	supply of coal at notified price to Marwa TPP would result in cheaper power. 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. **SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.**