

IMMEDIATE**No. CPD-23014/1/2026-CPD****Government of India****(भारत सरकार)****Ministry of Coal****(कोयला मंत्रालय)**

GPOA-3, Netaji Nagar,

New Delhi, the 30th March, 2026

To

1. Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Coal India Limited, Coal Bhawan, Plot No. AF-III, Action Area - IA, Newtown, Rajarhat, Kolkata- 700156
2. Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Singareni Bhawan, PB No. 18, Red Hills, Khairatabad PO, Hyderabad, Telangana

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

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the approved Minutes of the Meeting of the SLC (LT) for Power Sector held on 16.03.2026 to consider the request for coal linkage to Central Sector power plants / States and to review the status of existing coal linkages / LoAs & other related matters.

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
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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
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- 9. NIC, Ministry of Coal – with the request to upload the Minutes of the Meeting in the website of Ministry of Coal.

Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) for Power Sector held on 16.03.2026 [SLC (LT) No. 01 / 2026]

List of participants is at the **Annexure**.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of the SLC (LT) for Power Sector held on 04.12.2025.

Record of Discussion: There were no comments from any of the members.

Recommendations: Minutes of Meeting of the SLC (LT) held on 04.12.2025 are confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2: 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.

Record of Discussion: Project Proponent (NUPPL) stated that the Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) [GTPP] of NUPPL is linked to Pachwara South Coal Block (PSCB), which is expected to start coal production in FY 2025-26 and reach its Peak rated capacity (PRC) in FY 2029-30. Further, as per the mining plan, PSCB is expected to produce 2 MT in FY 2026-27. NUUPL informed that the Commercial Operation Declaration (COD) of Unit I and Unit II have already been achieved on 12.12.2024 and 09.12.2025 respectively. The COD for Unit-III is also expected in April, 2026. NUPPL also stated that during the FY 2026-27, there is annual requirement of 8.58 MT for the units of GTPP, and considering the expected coal production of 2 MT from PSCB in FY 2026-27, the shortfall of 6.58 MT is required as Bridge Linkage coal for the operation of all the three Units of GTPP in FY 2026-27. NUPPL requested for extension of Bridge Linkage of GTPP (3 x 660 MW) for 1 year.

CEA recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of GTPP to avoid loss of power generation from the Units of GTPP. Ministry of Railways, NITI Aayog and NTPC also recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for the GTPP (3 x 660 MW).

Coal India Limited stated that it can offer coal for their sources as per the availability.

SLC (LT) also deliberated on the suggestion of Ministry of Power to NUPPL for exploring the possibility of getting coal under Window-II of Revised SHAKTI Policy, keeping in view the cost benefit analysis of linkage coal under Window-II vis-à-vis Bridge Linkage coal and suggested NUPPL to consider the suggestion of Ministry of Power.

Recommendations: In view of the discussions held and the recommendations of Ministry of Power, SLC (LT) recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of Ghatampur TPP (3 x 660 MW) of NUPPL for a period of 1 year on tapering basis from Coal India Limited. The rate and source of coal supplies against the extended Bridge Linkage would be decided by Coal India Limited as per their commercial terms.

Agenda Item No. 3: 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 Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram TPP (DCRTPP), Unit-3, 1 x 800 MW (exp.), Yamuna Nagar. 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.

Record of Discussion: Project Proponent (HPGCL) 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 also stated that the commissioning of the Unit – 3 (800 MW) at DCRTPP is scheduled for March, 2029 and the coal would be required in September, 2028 for start-up and testing of the Unit. The coal supply from the linked Kalyanpur Badalpara coal block is expected to start in the year 2030. HPGCL requested for the extension of Bridge Linkage for the DCRTPP Unit-3, 1 x 800 MW (exp.), Yamuna Nagar for the interim period i.e. from September, 2028 till the commencement of coal supply from the Kalyanpur Badalpara coal block.

CEA stated that the coal would be required in September, 2028 for the upcoming DCRTPP Unit-3, 1 x 800 MW (exp.), Yamuna Nagar for the commissioning activities.

SLC (LT) deliberated upon the request of HPGCL and the recommendation of Ministry of Power for extension of Bridge Linkage of DCRTPP Unit-3, 1 x 800 MW (exp.), Yamuna Nagar from a future date. It was discussed that as per the practice, extension of Bridge Linkages are being considered / recommended by the SLC (LT) for a period of 1 year only and HPGCL may request again for extension of Bridge Linkage next year.

NTPC, NITI Aayog and CEA recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of DCRTPP Unit-3, 1 x 800 MW (exp.), Yamuna Nagar of HPGCL.

Coal India Limited stated that it can offer coal for their sources as per the availability.

Recommendations: In view of the discussions held and the recommendations of Ministry of Power, SLC(LT) recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage of Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram TPP (DCRTPP), Unit-3, 1 x 800 MW (exp.), Yamuna Nagar of HPGCL for a period of 1 year on tapering basis from Coal India Limited. The rate and source of coal supplies against the extended Bridge Linkage would be decided by Coal India Limited as per their commercial terms.

Agenda Item No. 4: 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.

Record of Discussion: Project Proponent (CSPGCL) stated that Gare Palma-III (GP-III) coal mine has been allocated to CSPGCL to meet the coal requirement of Marwa TPP (2 x 500 MW) and both the units of Marwa TPP are under commercial operation. It was informed that the balance life of the power plants of Marwa TPP is 16 years. CSPGCL stated that there is a coal requirement of 5.415 MT for Marwa TPP (2 x 500 MW). The PRC of GP-III coal block is 5

MTPA [4 MTPA from Open cast (OC) mine and 1 MTPA from Underground (UG) mine]. It was informed that the PRC of 4 MT from the OC mine of GP-III was achieved in 2023-24 and at present, 4 MT coal is being procured from the OC mine. However, the UG mine is not operational due to technical reasons and it may take five more years for the coal production of 1 MT from UG mine of GP-III. CSPCGL stated that at present, they are meeting the balance requirement of Marwa TPP through the Flexibility Policy of Ministry of Power.

CEA recommended 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. CEA also recommended to consider grant of medium term coal linkage for additional 1 MTPA to the State of Chhattisgarh against the non-production of coal from the UG mine of GP-III, if the same is permissible under the extant policies.

SLC (LT) deliberated that the grant of medium-term coal linkage for additional 1 MTPA to the State of Chhattisgarh against the non-production of coal from the UG mine of GP-III is not permissible under the extant policy provisions of Revised SHAKTI Policy as the GP-III coal mine is to produce 5 MT of coal as per the approved mining plan. SLC (LT) suggested CSPGCL to revise the approved mining plan in order to avail additional 1 MTPA coal as per policy provisions.

Ministry of Railways, NITI Aayog, CEA recommended for earmarking of coal linkage of 0.415 MTPA to the State of Chhattisgarh for the Marwa TPP (2 x 500 MW) of CSPGCL, keeping in view the approved mining plan.

Coal India Limited stated that coal can be offered from the available sources.

Recommendations: In view of the recommendation of Ministry of Power and keeping in view the provisions of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, SLC (LT) recommended for earmarking of coal linkage of 0.415 MTPA to the State of Chhattisgarh for utilization of the coal linkage in the Marwa TPP (2 x 500 MW) of CSPGCL from Coal India Limited under Para 2(II)(A)(ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025. Coal India Limited shall identify and intimate the coal source to the State of Chhattisgarh / CSPGCL indicating the quantity, likely mode of dispatch and representative quality of coal.

List of Participants for the SLC (LT) Meeting held on 16.03.2026

Ministry of Coal

1. Shri Sanoj Kumar Jha, Additional Secretary [In the Chair]
2. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Kassi, Joint Secretary (CPD)
3. Shri Darshan Kumar Solanki, Director (SDC/JT/LA&IR)
4. Shri Pradeep Raj Nayan, Under Secretary (CPD)
5. Shri Vijay Singh, Section Officer (CPD)

Ministry of Railways

1. Shri Avinash Kumar Mishra, Executive Director

NITI Aayog

1. Shri Ravi Kumar, Consultant

Central Electricity Authority

1. Shri Sanjay Jain, Chief Engineer
2. Shri Kumar Saurabh, Director

Coal India Limited

1. Shri Mukesh Choudhary, Director (Marketing)

Northern Coalfields Limited

1. Shri Pratik Bharti, Sr. Manager (M&S)

South Eastern Coalfields Limited

1. Shri Ajeet Choudhary, General Manager (M&S)

Eastern Coalfields Limited

1. Shri Pradeep Kumar Mishra, General Manager (M&S)

Western Coalfields Limited

1. Shri Anand Temurnikar, General Manager (M&S)

Mahanadi Coalfields Limited

1. Shri A. K. Lakra, General Manager (M&S)

Central Coalfields Limited

1. Shri Himanshu Pratap Singh, Ch. Manager (M&S)

Bharat Coking Coal Limited

1. Shri Hitesh Verma, General Manager (M&S)

Singareni Collieries Company Limited

1. Shri B. Venkanna, Executive Director (CM)
2. Shri P. Surender Raju, DGM

NTPC Limited

1. Shri KC Muraleedharan, CGM (CC-FM)
2. Shri Sachin Agarwal, AGM (FM)

NUPPL

1. Shri S. Durai Kumar, CEO

2. Shri Mahipal Singh Ranawat, ACM
3. Shri Shivay Soni, DCE

HPGCL

1. Shri M. K. Singh, CE/Fuel
2. Shri Rajesh Garg, SE/Fuel
3. Shri Gaurav Rohila

CSPGCL

1. Shri A. B. Khandawel
2. Shri Girish Gupta