

File No.FU-21/2020-FSC (Vol-IV)
Government of India
Ministry of Power

Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,
New Delhi, the 27th June, 2024

To,

- I. Principal Secretaries/Secretary (Power/Energy) of all State Governments/ UTs
- II. CMDs, Thermal Generating Stations (Central, State GENCOs/IPP)

Subject: Advisory to all GENCOs including Independent Power Producers (IPPs) for timely Import of Coal for blending purposes and maximizing production in captive coal mines reg.

Sir/Madam,

As you are already aware, Ministry of Power issued an advisory dated 04.03.2024 regarding blending of imported coal @ 6% (by weight) till June' 2024 (copy enclosed).

2. The position of coal stocks at the domestic coal based (DCB) plants was reviewed in the meeting dated 13.06.2024 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs. It was observed that power demand in the country is witnessing a robust growth and recently the highest ever peak demand of 250 GW has been touched in the month of May'24. Further, although there is a significant improvement in rake loading as well as receipt of domestic coal in Q1 of FY 25 compared to Q1 of FY 24, there is still a gap between receipt and consumption of coal at the level of domestic coal based (DCB) plants of around 130,000 tonnes per day. This gap is partly made up with import of coal.

3. It is also pertinent to note here that historically, due to various logistical issues, the domestic coal supply declines during monsoons. This year also, while the average rake loading in Q1 till date is around 432 rakes per day, Railways have informed about the likely availability of around 403 rakes per day in Q2.

4. In order to meet the power demand during the crucial monsoon months and to ensure uninterrupted power supply across the country, adequate coal reserves in domestic coal based plants (DCBs) need to be maintained by all the Central/State GENCOs and IPPs. The Ministry of Power has therefore decided to extend the advisory dated 04.03.2024 (copy enclosed) by modifying the blending requirement to 4% (by weight) till 15.10.2024. **The said advisory will not be applicable to domestic coal based (DCB) plants located within a radius of 200 kms from the linked mine/ coal source.**



5. Accordingly, all the GENCOs (Central/State and IPPs) are to firm up their imported coal contracts for ensuring supplies till 15 Oct'2024. Further, GENCOs must also continuously review the stock positions of their domestic coal based (DCBs) plants and opt for blending as per the requirements so that the adequate coal stocks are maintained at the thermal power plants.

6. This issues with approval of Hon'ble Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs.



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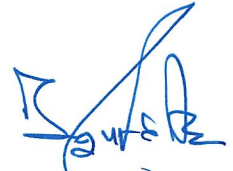
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Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,
New Delhi, the 4th March, 2024

To,

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Subject: Advisory to all GENCOs including Independent Power Producers (IPPs) for timely Import of Coal for blending purposes and maximizing production in captive coal mines — reg.

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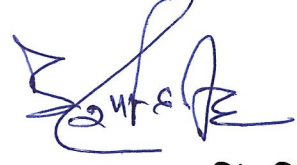
As you are already aware, Ministry of Power issued an advisory dated 25.10.2023 regarding blending of imported coal @ 6% (by weight) till March' 2024(copy enclosed).

2. The status of Power Supply position has been reviewed by Ministry and as per the projections, the peak demand is likely to reach upto 250 GW in summer season (April-June'2024). It has been further observed that despite the increase in loading of domestic coal rakes, the supplies of domestic coal will remain constrained due to various logistical issues associated with railway network.

3. In order to meet the power demand during the crucial summer months and to ensure un-interrupted power supply across the country, adequate coal reserves in domestic coal based plants (DCBs) need to be maintained by all the Central/State GENCOs and IPPs. **The Ministry of Power has therefore decided to extend the advisory dated 25.10.2023 till June'2024.**

4. Accordingly, all the GENCOs (Central/State and IPPs) are to firm up their imported coal contracts for ensuring supplies till June'2024. Further, GENCOs must also continuously review the stock positions of their domestic coal based (DCBs) plants and opt for blending as per the requirements so that the adequate coal stocks are maintained at the thermal power plant level.

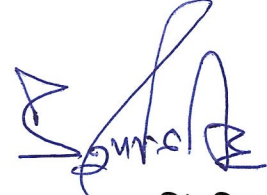
5. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Power & New and Renewable Energy.



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New Delhi, dated the 25th October, 2023

To

- I. Principal Secretaries/Secretary (Power/Energy) of all State Governments/UTs
- II. CMDs, Thermal Generating Stations (Central, State GENCOs/IPP)

Subject: Direction to all GENCOs including Independent Power Producers (IPPs) for timely Import of Coal for blending purposes and maximizing production in captive coal mines — reg.

Sir/Madam,

As you are already aware, Ministry of Power issued an advisory dated 01.09.2023 regarding blending of imported coal @ 4% by weight till March, 2024.

2. The status of Power Supply position has been reviewed by Govt and it has been observed that there is consistent rising trend in the Power demand in the country coupled with inadequate supply of domestic coal which has resulted in rapid depletion of coal stocks at Domestic Coal Based (DCB) Plants across the country. The gap between receipt of domestic coal and consumption of coal (domestic + equivalent domestic of imported coal) during 01st September to 09th October, 2023 was to the tune of 12 MT.

3. About 11% fall of Hydro Generation has been recorded in H1 of FY 24 compared to the corresponding period of FY 23 due to variable monsoon rainfall. Approximately 2 GW of hydro capacity is out because of recent floods in Sikkim. The Reservoir levels in Northern, Eastern and Southern regions are less compared to the previous year as on 9th Oct' 2023, which has resulted in lower reservoir energy content at pan India level. This has put additional burden on Coal Based Thermal Generation.

4. Therefore, in order to ensure uninterrupted power supply across the country, after careful consideration and in consultation with Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and Grid India, it has been decided blending of imported coal @ 6% (by weight) minimum

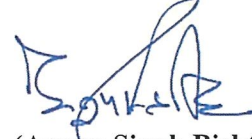
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may be continued till March 2024. The Gencos may continuously review their stock position and opt for blending as per the requirements if the shortfall in domestic coal supply is more than 6 per cent.

5. The other conditions mentioned at Para 3 & 4 of advisory dated 01.09.2023 will remain the same.

6. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Power & NRE.

Yours Faithfully,



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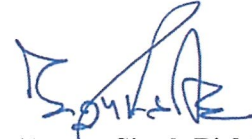
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