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Government of India

NORTHERN REGIONAL POWER COMMITTEE

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सेवा में,
To,

उत्तरी क्षेत्रीय विद्युत समिति के सदस्य

(संलग्न सूची के अनुसार)

Members of Northern Regional Power Committee
(As per list attached)

विषय : उत्तरी क्षेत्रीय विद्युत समिति की 1 मार्च 2008 को नई दिल्ली में आयोजित विशेष बैठक का कार्यवृत्त ।

Subject : Special meeting of Northern Regional Power Committee held on 1st March, 2008- Minutes.

महोदय,
Sir,

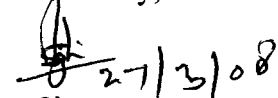
उत्तरी क्षेत्रीय विद्युत समिति की विशेष बैठक 1 मार्च 2008 को नई दिल्ली में आयोजित की गयी थी । इस बैठक के कार्यवृत्त की एक प्रति आपकी सूचना व आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु इस पत्र के साथ संलग्न हैं। इस बैठक में लिए निर्णय के अनुसार अध्यक्ष, उत्तरी क्षेत्रीय विद्युत समिति द्वारा विद्युत सचिव, भारत सरकार व अध्यक्ष, केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण को लिखे पत्रों की प्रति भी संलग्न हैं।

The special meeting of Northern Regional Power Committee was held on 1st March, 2008 at New Delhi. A copy of the summary record of discussions of the meetings is enclosed herewith for favour of information and necessary action. Copies of letter written by Chairman, NRPC to Secretary, Power, Govt. of India and Chairman, CEA conveying decision taken in the special meeting are also enclosed.

संलग्नक : यथोपरि ।
Encl. : As above.

भवदीय ,

Yours faithfully,


(सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह गहरवार)

(S.P. Singh Gaharwar)

सदस्य सचिव

Member Secretary

Subject: Minutes of the special meeting of NRPC held on 1st March, 2008 at New Delhi to discuss allocation of Power from Tala Project.

Welcoming the participants, Chairperson, NRPC, requested the members to express their views on the issue. Initiating the discussions, representative of Punjab briefly described the genesis of the issue involved. It was brought out that surplus power from Tala Power Project in Bhutan was initially allocated to Northern Region. However, Eastern Region opted for Tala Power to avail benefit of peaking power from a hydro station and improve hydro-thermal mix in that region. Consequently, Ministry of Power, Govt. of India, vide order dated 07.07.2006, based on the recommendations of EREB, NREB & CEA, allocated equivalent allocation from thermal stations in Eastern Region to constituents of Northern Region. Now, on the request of ERPC, CEA has recommended to the Ministry of Power for changing the earlier allocations again, proposing shift 343 MW from Farakha & Kehalgaon-I to Kehalgaon-II. In addition, it has also proposed to allocate 153 MW of un-allocated power from Tala Hydro to Northern Region. Punjab expressed serious concerns at the recommendation of CEA as it would result in unwarranted commercial benefits to Eastern Region without any justification.

Member, Grid Operation, CEA, traced the sequence of events leading to the allocations made by the Ministry of Power, Govt. of India, vide order dated 07.07.2006. He stated that Eastern Region constituents had written to MoP expressing their dissatisfaction with the MoP's Tala allocation order dated 07.07.06 and requesting that the equivalent thermal power should be allocated from new thermal power projects, which are to be commissioned in the Central Sector. He informed that now, on the recommendations of ERPC, CEA has recommended to the MoP for modifying the allocations of 07.07.2006 by substituting the generation from Kahalgaon Stage – I and Farraka with Kahalgaon Stage

– II. (A detailed note of CEA, on the issue, received after the meeting, is placed at Annexure – I for the purpose of record).

The members from Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, J & K, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh did not agree with the view point of CEA and stated that post Tala – pre Mejia and post Tala – post Mejia scenarios had been well defined in the MoP order dated 07.07.2006. It was felt the change in allocations at this stage was being contemplated just on the unilateral request of Eastern Region whereas earlier allocation was made on the consensual recommendation of both the regions. CEA could not give any convincing arguments for making a recommendation for fresh reallocation from new thermal stations. Expressing serious concern in this regard, Members requested Chairperson, NRPC, to take up the matter with the CEA and Ministry of Power by bringing to their notice the following points:

- MoP order dated 7-7-2006 was based on recommendation of EREB, NREB, and CEA. Any proposal to amend the same at the insistence of ERPC without considering views of NRPC would not be in order. The views of NRPC are also required to be given due weightage.
- Re-opening of allocations made through consensus vide order of 7.7.2006 at the insistence of one party i.e. ERPC would not be appropriate.
- ER being surplus as a region is selling its surplus power outside region at market rates. Additional 500 MU to ER will only facilitate in increase traded power from ER.
- In case amendment or change in allocations made vide order dated 7.7.2006 is warranted, then the same is required to be discussed jointly with NR and ER, and only if a consensus is reached, further action may be considered.
- The status quo may be maintained and GOI order of 7.7.06 may be retained without change till any consensus is reached in the matter.

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Subject : Comments of CEA on Allocation of share from Tala HEP

1. The agreement between the Govt. of India and the Royal Govt. of Bhutan signed on 5-3-96 provided for construction of 1020 MW Tala Hydro Electric project in Bhutan with Indian assistance and the Royal Govt. of Bhutan agreed to sell surplus power to the Govt. of India at mutually determined rates.
2. Secretary (Power) took a meeting on the issue of allocation of Tala power on 25-7-2001, wherein it was decided that Tala power would be allocated to the States of Eastern Region to improve their hydro thermal mix and equivalent thermal power (in lieu of allocation of Tala power) would be surrendered by these States to States of Northern Region linked to commissioning of various units of Tala project. This decision was taken considering the prevailing surplus position in Eastern Region at that time and to improve the hydro-thermal mix of Eastern Region to facilitate smoothening of the frequency profile of the Eastern Region which was not very stable.
3. In a meeting taken on the subject by Chairperson, CEA, on 04.01.2002 in which representatives of Eastern and Northern Region constituents were also present, it was decided that surplus availability of power to NR comprising 400 MW from existing project i.e. unit 3 & 4 of Kahalgaon and 900 MW from the new projects i.e. Mejia Unit 5&6 (500 MW) and Tenughat 3 & 4 (420 MW) would be recommended for allocation to the NR constituents in lieu of allocation of power from Tala to ER States.
4. MOP in its allocation order dated 7.7.06, allocated equivalent thermal power to NR constituents, in lieu of Tala allocation, from Kahalgaon Units 1-4 and Farakka STPS units of NTPC, subject to the condition that 300 MW would be allocated from Mejia units 5&6, as and when they are commissioned, accompanied by withdrawal of 300 MW from the Kahalgaon and Farakka units. The balance allocation of equivalent thermal power to Northern Regional constituents would be 475 MW from Kahalgaon U 1-4 and 245 MW from Farakka. The change in allocation with respect to the meeting taken by Chairperson, CEA on 4.1.2002 was decided, as Tenughat Project (420 MW), which was earlier envisaged, did not materialize. DVC had also entered into a bilateral agreement for supply of power to the tune of 200 MW to Madhya Pradesh from Mejia Units 5 & 6, reducing the availability from Mejia 5 & 6 for Northern Region.
5. Eastern Regional constituents had been consistently writing to MOP expressing their dissatisfaction with the MOP's Tala allocation order dated 7.7.06 and requesting that the equivalent thermal power should be allocated from new thermal power projects,

which are to be commissioned in the Central Sector. CEA had also recommended that allocation of equivalent thermal power to Northern Region constituents can be considered from new units instead of running units and that till such time the new units are commissioned, allocation of equivalent thermal power could continue from the existing units of Kahalgaon and Farakka TPS.

6. The original decision taken in the meeting by Chairperson, CEA, on 04.01.2002 in which representatives of Eastern Region constituents were also present, was that the equivalent thermal power to NR would predominantly be from new projects. Kahalgaon Stage – II is a new station, one unit of which has been synchronized on 31-3-2007. The other two units were expected to be synchronized in 2007-08. MOP, vide its letter No. 5/31/2006-Th.2 dated 21-2-07 has issued allocation order in respect of Kahalgaon St. II and 374 MW from these units has been allocated to Eastern States.
7. It was recommended by CEA that the allocation to constituents of Eastern Region in Kahalgaon Stage-II may be substituted by allocation from old units of Farakka and Kahalgaon Stage-I to the extent possible. This would enable the restoration of the original firm power allocation from Farakka and Kahalgaon Stage I stations to the Eastern Region constituents to the extent of 336 MW..

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**Sub: Allocation of power to Northern Region from Tala Project HEP
(1020 MW), Bhutan.**

Dear *Shri Razdan*,

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In view of these developments, constituents of Northern Region Power Committee met on 1.3.2008 and deliberated on the issue. Members of the NRPC expressed their serious concern about the changed stance of ERPC and about CEA unilaterally seeking a change in the allocations made in July, 2006. I am enclosing a copy of the minutes of the NRPC meeting dated 01.03.2008 for your reference.

I wish hereby to convey to you the views of the NRPC constituents on the issue and to request that the allocations of July 2007 should not be reopened without a consensus on this among NR and ER constituents.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)

Encl: As above.

c/c (P.K. Das)

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