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**Government of India**  
(भारत सरकार)  
**Ministry of Power**  
(विद्युत मंत्रालय)

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New Delhi, dated the 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

To

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

**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 01<sup>st</sup> September to 09<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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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3. Chairman, Central Electricity Authority
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