

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the reconstituted Task Force for categorization of new/upcoming/ left over coal or lignite-based Thermal Power Plants as per the Notification dated 31.03.2021 and 11.07.2025 issued by the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India

The 2nd meeting of the reconstituted Task Force for categorization of new/upcoming/ left over coal or lignite-based Thermal Power Plants (TPPs) was held under the chairmanship of the Member Secretary, CPCB, on 05.12.2025 at 02.30 PM, through VC mode. The list of participants of the meeting is attached at Annexure-I.

At the outset, the Chairman of the Task Force welcomed the members of the Task Force and other participants. The Member Convener of the Task Force made a presentation on the decision points as per minutes of the first meeting of the Task Force circulated by CPCB vide letter/email dated 20.11.2025, along with the comments received from the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for confirmation of the minutes of the first meeting of the re-constituted Task Force held on 28.10.2025

After detailed deliberations, the minutes of the first meeting were confirmed with certain modifications (copy attached), and the following decisions were made by the Task Force:

- The CEA may instruct project proponents (of existing power plants) seeking categorization to ensure the earliest submission of the requisite information in the prescribed format, based on verification/certification by the concerned SPCBs/PCCs. This information shall be compiled and presented by the CEA before the Task Force for deliberation and decision-making.
- The project proponents may also submit a copy of the communication being submitted to the concerned SPCBs/PCCs for verification/certification to CPCB. Based on this, CPCB will also follow up with the concerned SPCBs/PCCs to expedite the process at their end.
- The Task Force may deliberate about procedures for categorization of upcoming power plants in the next meeting.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Annexure-I

List of participants of the 2nd Meeting of the reconstituted Task Force for categorization of new/ upcoming/ left over coal or lignite-based TPPs, held on 05.12.2025 @ 02.30 PM

Members of the reconstituted Task Force:

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| 1. Sh. Bharat Kumar Sharma, Member Secretary, CPCB | Chairperson |
| 2. Sh. Satish Kumar, Director (Thermal), Ministry of Power | Member |
| 3. Dr. Sonu Singh, Scientist - E, MoEF&CC | Member |
| 4. Sh. Bikash Mallick, Principal Chief Engineer - II, CEA | Member |
| 5. Sh. Prasoon Gargava, Director & Head, IPC - II, CPCB | Member Convener |

Other Participants of the meeting:

6. Sh. Mohammad Anwar, Director, TPRM, CEA
7. Sh. Prankur Patel, Assistant Director, TPRM, CEA
8. Sh. Rohit Bharadwaj, SO (Thermal), Ministry of Power
9. Sh. Gaurav Gehlot, Scientist 'C', CPCB
10. Sh. Naveen Kumar, Scientist 'B', CPCB
11. Sh. Durga Nand Jha, SRF, CPCB