

Minutes of the 3rd 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 3rd 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 06.03.2026 at 12.00 PM, through hybrid 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 to brief the Task Force, which included:

1. Highlights of earlier two meetings including acknowledgment of standard format for submission of information by TPPs for categorization.
2. Directions under Section 18(1)(b) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, issued by CPCB vide dated 22.01.2026 to all SPCBs/PCCs for categorization of coal or lignite based thermal power plants along with format circulation for categorization of Thermal Power Plants.
3. Agenda of 3rd meeting of the reconstituted Task Force for categorization of new/upcoming/ left over coal or lignite-based Thermal Power Plants.
4. Process for categorization of upcoming thermal power plants including the information to be submitted by concerned TPPs regarding geo-coordinates of stack(s).
5. Proposals received for categorization, which are already commissioned and upcoming TPPs.

Based on the detailed deliberations on the above points and other relevant issues deliberated during meeting, the Task Force took the following decisions:

1. The Task Force considered two proposals received through CEA with confirmation of details submitted by TPPs from Telangana SPCB and, agreed on categorization of the two Thermal Power Plant Units (i.e., Telangana Super Thermal Power Project Phase-I, Unit 1 and 2, (2x800 MW) under category C. Same may be communicated to concerned TPP and SPCB.
2. In case of upcoming thermal Power plants, it was agreed that project proponent may be asked to submit a notarized declaration with respect to stack location (along with geo-coordinates) of their proposed thermal power plants. In this regard, a draft declaration format may be circulated by CPCB for inputs of Task Force members. (the format given at Annexure-II). After incorporating the inputs, draft format will be presented before the committee for finalization.
3. The direct applications received by CPCB will be forwarded to CEA for examination and same may be placed along with all other proposals available with CEA before the Task Force in the next meeting.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair

Annexure-I

List of participants of the 3rd Meeting of the reconstituted Task Force for categorization of new/ upcoming/ left over coal or lignite-based TPPs, held on 06.03.2026 @ 12.00 PM

Members of the reconstituted Task Force:

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| 1. | Sh. Bharat Kumar Sharma, Member Secretary, CPCB | Chairperson |
| 2. | Sh. P.K. Jaiswal, Dy. Secretary, Ministry of Power | Representative of Member |
| 3. | Dr. Sonu Singh, Scientist - E, MoEF&CC | Member |
| 4. | Sh. Surata Ram, Chief Engineer, CEA | Representative of Member |
| 5. | Sh. Prasoon Gargava, Director & Head, IPC - II, CPCB | Member Convener |

Other Participants of the meeting:

1. Sh. Rohit Bhardwaj, Section Officer, MoP
2. Sh. Prankur Patel, Assistance Director, CEA (through VC)
3. Sh. Gaurav Gehlot, Scientist 'C', CPCB
4. Sh. Naveen Kumar, Scientist 'B', CPCB
5. Sh. Durga Nand Jha, SRF, CPCB

Draft-Format

**SELF-DECLARATION ON GEO-COORDINATES OF STACK/CHIMNEY OF
THERMAL POWER PLANT**

This is to certify that the unit namely (Unit(s).....of.....TPP of M/s.....) is a **captive / non-captive*** thermal power plant and yet to be categorised as per MoEF&CC Notification dated 31.03.2022 (and its subsequent amendments).

This is to declare that the geo-coordinates of the **stack/chimney*** of the above said unit are hereby submitted on the basis of **Detailed Project Report (DPR) / Feasibility Report (FR) / Plot plan / Environmental Clearance / AAI Clearance / Defence Clearance*** granted for the said unit.

Stack / Chimney Coordinates (indicate stack number if applicable)

Latitude:

Longitude:

In case of variation / change of more than 200 m in above mentioned details of Stack/Chimney Coordinates, the same will be communicated in timely manner for re-categorisation of the said unit along with all necessary supporting documents. The undersigned is aware that if need arises for re-categorization, the geographical conditions prevailing and rules applicable at that time shall be taken into account.

(Authorised Signatory)

(Name)

(Designation)

(Contact Details, E-mail and Full Address of the TPP)

Place:

Date:

(*Strike out which is not applicable)