



F. No.11/86/2017-Th.II (C.No 238797)

Government of India

Ministry of Power

Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,
New Delhi, dated the 18th November, 2024.

To,

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab.
2. The Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana.
3. The Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh.
4. The Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan.
4. Chairperson, CEA
5. MDs of Power Plants in NCR and adjoining areas.
6. Mission Director, SAMARTH Mission.

Subject: Price Benchmarking of Torrefied Biomass Pellets for National Capital Region (NCR)- reg.

In order to promote and develop sustainable supply chain of biomass pellets and to enable faster pellet procurement by power utilities, Ministry of Power (MoP) vide letter No.11/86/2021-Th.II dated 16th June, 2023 issued 'Modification of Revised Policy for Biomass Utilization for Power generation through Co-firing in Coal based Power Plants'. In pursuance of Para 2(b) of the above policy dated 16.06.2023, a Committee on price benchmarking of biomass pellets was constituted on 22nd June, 2023 to carry out region-wise price benchmarking of biomass pellets in order to accelerate the capacity addition of pellet manufacturing and to address the issue of existing volatility of raw biomass prices.

2. In this regard, the Price benchmarking Committee carried out study of **torrefied** biomass pellets for National Capital Region (NCR) and submitted its report with recommended benchmark price for NCR. As per the recommendation of the Committee, biomass fuel price has been specified for a period of one year w.e.f. the date of issue of this letter. The benchmark prices for torrefied biomass pellets in the NCR have been derived as **Rs 2.58/1000 kcal**. The price specified is excluding GST & transportation cost

at the pellet manufacturing plant site. The torrefied pellets shall have moisture content below 14% and GCV between 3400-5000 kcal/kg with volatile content below 22%.

3. The concerned TPPs may be advised to adhere to the above-mentioned benchmark price of torrefied biomass pellets and to take necessary action in this regard.

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

Yours sincerely



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