



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 23rd August, 2023.

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 Biomass Pellets for co-firing in Thermal Power Plants- reg.

In order to promote and develop sustainable supply chain of biomass pellets and enable faster pellet procurement by power utilities, Ministry of Power (MoP) vide letter No.11/86/2021-Th.II [C.No:238797] 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 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 1 year w.e.f 01.09.2023. The benchmark prices for non-torrefied biomass pellets in the

NCR have been derived as Rs. 2.32/1000 kcal. The price specified is excluding GST & transportation cost at the pellet manufacturing plant site. The pellets shall have moisture content below 14% and GCV between 2800-3400 kcal/kg.

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

4. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Power & NRE.

Yours sincerely


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