

# High-Level Meeting Held to Strengthen Energy Security of Tamil Nadu

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A High level meeting was held on 02<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 at Chennai, between Shri Vikram Dev Dutt, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Government of India and Shri N. Muruganandam, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu, on enhancing energy security in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Other dignitaries present included Shri Prasanna Kumar Motupalli, CMD, NLC India Limited, Shri Sanjeev Kumar Kassi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shri Mukesh Choudhary, Director (Marketing), Coal India Limited and Shri. Dr. Alby John Varghese, IAS, Managing Director, Tamilnadu Power Generation Corporation Limited.



The deliberations focussed on the State's projected power demand, availability of lignite & coal, and proactive measures required to meet peak load conditions during the summer and monsoon seasons. The issues of NLCIL related land acquisition, facilitation required for promoting of Overburden to M-Sand in Neyveli mines, Land acquisition of Lignite Mines, starting operations of Neyveli airport and formation of JV between TNGECL & NIRL were also discussed, on which State Government would extend the necessary support.

The proactive and progressive approach taken by the State in today's meeting is expected to significantly mitigate supply-side challenges and ensure reliable, affordable, and sustainable power for Tamil Nadu and resolve the issues of NLCIL.

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