

In order to fast track the development of coal, especially the largest coal resources of Thar, one stop decision taking body Thar Coal and Energy Board (TCEB) was established in 2008 under the Chief Executive of the Province with representation from Provincial and Federal Governments as well. Thar Coal & Energy Board was notified by Government of Sindh on 22nd July 2008 to act as one stop organization on behalf of all Ministries, Departments and agencies of the GOP and GOS in the matters relating to approval of the Projects for Coal Mining in Thar and for coal fired Power generation plants or for other uses of Thar Coal. Subsequently Thar Coal and Energy Board Act, 2011 was passed by Provincial Assembly of Sindh in July, 2011.

The Board's primary role is regulatory in nature as it acts as Coal Tariff Determination and implementation agency under Section 5(m) of TCEB Act, 2011. The Board, with the help of international consultants, framed Thar Coal Tariff Determination Rules, 2014 and Thar Coal Pricing Framework which provides Standards & Guidelines for Coal Tariff Determination. These Rules provide the basis for Coal Tariff Determination and Coal Tariff, determined by the TCEB is being considered as a component of Fuel Cost by NEPRA in Power Tariff. Besides, other major functions of the Board are to accord approval of projects for coal mining and coal fired power generation plants or for other uses of Thar coal, to facilitate and coordinate with domestic and international institutions for speedy development of Thar Coal etc. Since TCEB's creation, 19 Board meetings have been held so far. All meetings were attended by the Chief Minister, Sindh. The President and the Prime Minister have also chaired special Board meetings, where progress was taken from TCEB and various matters were discussed. The creation of the Board has yielded positive results, as proper and timely decision making for Thar coal development is facilitated. As per Section 7(1) of Thar Coal and Energy Board Act, 2011, there is an Executive Management to assist the Board in the performance of its functions which shall consist of Managing Director and other officers including staff as may be appointed by the Board. The Managing Director is the Chief Executive Officer of the Executive Management. The composition of Thar Coal & Energy Board is as under:-

Chief Minister Sindh	Chairman
Federal Minister for Water & Power	Vice-Chairman
Federal Minister for Finance	Member
Federal Minister for Law and Justice	Member
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission	Member
Federal Secretary, Water and Power	Member
Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sindh	Member
One Female MNA from Thar Region	Member
Three Provincial Ministers (to be nominated by GoS)	Member
One Eminent Person (to be nominated by GoS)	Member
Secretary, Coal & Energy Dev. Dept.	Member
Managing Director, TCEB	Member/Secretary

Members of Thar Coal & Energy Board

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| i. | Syed Murad Ali Shah
Chief Minister Sindh | Chairman |
| ii. | Mr. Omar Ayub Khan
Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) | Vice-Chairman |
| iii. | Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh
Advisor to Prime Minister for Finance | Member |
| iv. | Barrister Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem,
Federal Minister for Law & Justice Federal | Member |
| v. | Makhdhum Khusro Bakhtiyar
Deputy Chairman (Planning Commission) | Member |
| vi. | Ms. Shazia Atta Mari
MNA | Member |
| vii. | Mr. Irfan Ali
Federal Secretary for Energy (Power Division) | Member |
| viii. | Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Shaikh
Minister for Energy, Govt. of Sindh | Member |
| ix. | Mr. Shabbir Ali Bijarani
Minister for Mines & Minerals Development, GoS | Member |
| x. | Syed Sardar Ali Shah
Minister for Education & Culture, GoS | Member |
| xi. | Barrister Murtaza Wahahb
Advisor to CM for Law, Anticorruption, Information & Arch. | Member |
| xii. | Mr. Mumtaz Ali Shah,
Chief Secretary Sindh | Member |
| xiii. | Mr. Musaddiq Ahmed Khan
Secretary Energy Department, Govt. of Sindh | Member |
| xiv. | Mr. Tariq Ali Shah
Managing Director, TCEB | Member /
Secretary |

Major Functions of TCEB:

- (a) To act as one-stop organization on behalf of all the ministries, departments and agencies of the Government of Pakistan and the Government of Sindh in the matters relating to formulation of policies;
- (b) To accord approval of projects for coal mining in Thar and for coal fired power generation plants or for other uses of Thar coal;
- (c) To appraise, evaluate and approve all investment proposals and projects received from the investors;
- (d) To assist investors in obtaining necessary consents, licenses, permits, and other legal documents required to operate, explore and develop the Thar Coal resources;
- (e) To monitor the progress of investment programmes and projects at all stages and ensure through inter-agency and inter-provincial coordination, prompt implementation and operation;
- (f) To encourage and promote international and national investment for the development of Thar Coal;
- (g) To coordinate and facilitate the domestic, foreign and international institutions for financing of the proposed projects;
- (h) To coordinate and facilitate the activities of Federal, Provincial and District Governments and their respective agencies related to Thar Coal including infrastructure development;
- (i) To correspond with concerned local and international agencies except in matters involving commitment of the Government of Pakistan;
- (j) To develop and approve, fiscal incentives for investors for development of Thar Coal deposits;
- (k) To call special meetings of relevant government agencies to discuss, review, resolve issues related to the development of the Thar Coal;
- (l) To approve any affiliation necessary with international organizations related to the development of the Thar Coal;
- (m) To determine and control the price of coal;
- (n) To open and operate bank accounts in local and foreign currencies;
- (o) To charge or levy fees for any services rendered to the investors;
- (p) To develop a marketing, image building and public relations strategy to generate interest in the potential and opportunities of Thar Coal and publicize its activities; and
- (q) Any other function related to development of the Thar Coal deposits.