the old Centos version like 6.X is commonly have encounter following error message while connecting to epel repository:

Could not get metalink https://mirrors.fedoraproject.org/metalink?repo=epel-6&arch=x86_64 error was 14: problem making ssl connection

Root cause of this issue is old distribution of package certificate authority, ssl and nss. Then update these packages may fix it.

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Then try to access the epel mirror list site using curl, make sure it's can grab the HTML content.

<u>?</u> 1 curl -v https://mirrors.fedoraproject.org