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No coal shortage, says secretary

New Delhi, April 24: The current power crisis is mainly on account of a sharp decline in electricity generation from different fuel sources and not due to the non-availability of domestic coal, a top official said on Sunday.

The above statement assumes significance in the wake of reports of many states, including Maharashtra, facing power outages due to a shortage of coal.

In an interview, coal secretary A.K. Jain attributed the low coal stocks at power plants to several factors such as heightened power demand due to the boom in the economy post-Covid-19, the early arrival of summer, a rise in the price of gas and imported coal and sharp fall in electricity generation by coastal thermal power plants.

"It is not a coal crisis but a power demand-supply mismatch... The power

demand has registered an upswing as the economy has bounced back, summers have arrived early and the price of gas and imported coal have shot up sharply," he explained.

He added that a slew of measures is already underway to enhance the total power supply in the country. The gas-based power generation which has fallen drastically in the country has aggravated the crisis.

—PTI

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CIL: Priority to ensure power plants are well-stocked



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"Do not let any complacency seep in. Drawing inspiration from the performance of FY22, let us consolidate it further in FY23 to breach the 700 MT output and offtake targets," the CMD said. The country, he said, looks up to CIL to fuel its energy needs. "It then becomes not only our responsibility but a corporate obligation to live up to that great expectation."

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CIL is responsible for fuelling energy needs. **PH**

CIL's priority to maintain coal stock

Stating that ensuring adequate fuel supply to thermal power plants is its "priority", public sector miner Coal India has asked its employees to step up efforts and breach the production and offtake target of 700 million tonnes for FY23. In a letter to the employees of Coal India Limited (CIL), the company's chairman-cum-managing director (CMD) Pramod Agrawal said that the company's priority is to make sure that the electricity generating units are well stocked with domestic fuel amid the ongoing power shortage. "Coal India's priority is to ensure that the nation's power plants are well stocked with domestic coal and the country gets power at just price. The aim should be to securitise energy at least cost," Agrawal said and asked the employees to treat the targets as "sacrosanct".

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Coal India's supplies to power plants increase 16%

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India's largest coal producer on Monday said it supplied 15.6% more coal to the power sector in April than it did in the same month last year as the country grappled with searing temperatures and a power crisis.

With intense demand for coal continuing unabated, driven by an upward spiral in power generation, Coal India Limited (CIL) pushed up supplies to power plants to 49.7 million tonnes (MTs) in April '22, the company said. This was 6.7 MTs more than in April '21. The higher supplies came as power consumption grew 13.6% YoY to 132.98 billion units (BU) in April.

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Coal India boosts supply in April

New Delhi, May 2: State-owned Coal India Ltd (CIL) on Monday said coal supply to the power sector rose 13.6 per cent to 49.7 million tonnes in April in the wake of high demand of the dry fuel from electricity generating plants and stressed that it is planning to augment its dispatches further, especially to power plants in the coming months.

The statement comes at a time when several parts of the country are grappling with a power crisis.

"With the intense demand for coal continuing unabated driven by an upward spiral in the electricity generation, CIL (Coal India) pushed up its supplies to power plants of the country to 49.7 million tonnes (MT) in April 2022. This is 6.7 MT more supply compared to April 2021 when the power sector's dispatch was 43 MTs," the Maharatna firm said.

With higher output, CIL is aiming to increase its dispatches further, especially to power plants in the coming months.

Coal India, which accounts for over 80 per cent of domestic coal output, is one of the major suppliers of fossil fuel to the power sector. On an average, the PSU supplied 1.66 MT of

● **COAL INDIA'S** total offtake rose sharply to 57.5 MT in April, registering 6 per cent growth compared to 54.2 MT of the same month last year. The offtake was 4 MT more than March output.

coal per day to power utilities in April which increased to 1.73 MT during last week.

Average supply per day is at par with what was programmed by CIL for this sector during the first quarter of FY23.

The coal production by the PSU also rose 27.6 per cent to 53.5 MT last month over 41.9 MT in April 2021.

"To keep up with the increased appetite for coal, CIL accelerated its production to 53.5 MT, logging a strong 27.6 per cent growth," the PSU said.

All the subsidiaries of CIL have registered growth. Mahanadi Coalfields, South Eastern Coalfields, Northern Coalfields, and Western Coalfields significantly ramped up the production in April. "Coal output of April 2022 was the highest ever for the month, so far, eclipsing the previous peak of 45.3 MT achieved in April 2019," it said. —PTI

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Company plans to augment dispatches further

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

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POWER OUTAGES

Coal India raises coal supply to power plants

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AMID reports of power crisis in the country due to coal shortage, Coal India on Monday said its coal supply to the power sector was increased by 15.6% in April 2022, compared to the same month last year.

India's largest coal producer highlighted that it pushed up its supplies to power plants to 48.7 million tonnes (MTs) in April, an increase of 6.7 MTs compared to the same period last year when the sector's despatch was 43 MTs. However, Coal India's efforts could not fulfill the demand as many states were facing power outages due to coal shortages.

"On average CIL supplied 1.66 MTs of coal a day to power utilities in April 2022, which sped to 1.73 MTs during the last week. Average supply per day is on par with what was programmed by CIL for this sector during the first quarter of FY'23," said CIL in a statement.

To keep up with the increased appetite for coal, CIL accelerated its production to 53.3 MTs, logging a strong 27.6% growth.

This is 11.6 MTs higher compared to 41.9 MTs of April 21. According to the power ministry's daily (2 May 2022) report, India reported a 297 MW power shortage.

The most affected states were Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, among others. Similarly, as per the Central Electricity Authority's daily report, coal stock at 106 out of 173 plants have reached critical levels. Among them, 46 plants were based on domestic coal, 12 were based on imported coal, and 6 were not operational.

Meanwhile, the ministry said the power consumption in the country grew 13.6% year-on-year to 122.96 billion units (BU) this month, indicating the impact of the early onset of summers and spurt in economic activities.