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Coal India preparing mines for production

OUR BUREAU

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Coal India Ltd (CIL) has shifted its focus to preparing mines for ramping up production, instead of immediately producing more coal. This shift is needed as power demand has fallen due to the lockdown, directly affecting coal requirement.

A Coal Ministry statement said, “With a reduced domestic demand of coal, CIL has shifted its focus to the enhancement of the overburden removal – the process of removing the top soil and rock to expose coal seams in its open cast mines. Over 95 per cent of CIL’s coal production comes from its 171 open cast mines.”

According to government estimates, as on April 30, there are 50.89 million tonnes (mt) of coal stocked up at the power houses in India, enough to last 31 days. CIL itself has a pit-head stock of about 76 mt.

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CMD: CIL Upgrading Relief Measures, Medical Facilities



NEW DELHI Coal India chief Pramod

Agrawal said the company is upgrading its relief measures and medical facilities for employees, and that no compromise would be made with regard to their health and security. "We are passing through testing times in the face of a raging novel coronavirus pandemic, a situation that is new in its challenge to us. Yet, our miners and workmen displaying a rare bravery in the face of severe adversity are labouring hard and continue to produce coal meeting the country's energy demand, by adhering to all safety precautions and contributing to government's efforts. "The company is ceaselessly upgrading its relief measures and medical facilities for their health and welfare," the chairman and managing director of CIL said.

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CIL arm gets loan to build railway line

A STAFF REPORTER

Calcutta: Coal India subsidiary — South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) — has received a credit support of Rs 3,976 crore from a consortium of banks, led by State Bank of India, to facilitate evacuation of coal by rail.

A loan agreement has been signed between Chhattisgarh East West Rail Ltd (CEWRL) — a joint venture SECL and banks — to provide credit to develop a 135km of double line from Gevra Road to Pendra Road in Chhattisgarh to evacuate coal from the mines at Gevra, Dipka and Kusuminda.

The project has a debt to equity ratio of 80:20 wherein the promoters are required to contribute about Rs 994 crore and the balance amount of Rs 3,976 crore is arranged from banks as rupee term loan.

Land acquisition and forest clearance have already been obtained for the main line of the project, which is now expected to be completed by March 2023.

When completed, it will help SECL evacuate about 65mt coal every year from its mines.

SECL has a 64 per cent holding in CEWRL, while Ircon, a rail ministry undertaking, holds a 26 per cent stake.

The rest 10 per cent of the stake is held by the State Industrial Development Corporation, government of Chhattisgarh.

State Bank of India is the lead bank with a Rs 1,800-crore exposure to this infrastructure project. Punjab National Bank, Union Bank of India, Canara Bank, Indian Bank and Bank of Baroda are the other lenders in the consortium.

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PRAMOD AGRAWAL
COAL INDIA CHAIRMAN

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CIL upgrading relief measures for its workmen: CMD

NEW DELHI, May 4 (PTI)

COAL India Limited (CIL) chief Pramod Agrawal said, the company is upgrading relief measures and medical facilities for employees, and that no compromise would be made with regard to health and security.

"We are passing through testing times in the face of a raging novel coronavirus pandemic, a situation that is new in its challenge to us. Our miners and workmen displaying a rare bravery in face of severe adversity are labouring hard and continue to produce coal meeting country's demand, by adhering to all safety precautions and contributing to Govt's efforts."

"The company is ceaselessly upgrading its relief measures and

medical facilities for their health and welfare," the Chairman and Managing Director of CIL said in its latest message to his workmen. Agrawal said, safety, health and well-being of Coal India Ltd's (CIL) workmen take precedence over all other aspects for the company. "No compromise whatsoever is accommodated when it comes to miners' security and protection," he added.



Pramod Agrawal

He said that Coal India miners toil under extremely adverse conditions, braving the nature's elements, as frontline soldiers in expanding the energy frontiers and securing the fuel requirement of the country. Coal India, he said, "is a labour-intensive company and our skilled workers are our most-prized assets."

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कोल उत्पादन की प्रक्रियाएं होंगी समयबद्ध

जास, धनबाद : आवंटित कोल ब्लॉकों से जल्द उत्पादन शुरू करने व कोयला के मामले में देश को आत्मनिर्भर बनाने के लिए सभी आवश्यक प्रक्रिया की समयबद्धता सुनिश्चित कर दी गई है। इसके तहत एक निगरानी इकाई का गठन किया गया है। इसे परियोजना निगरानी इकाई (पीएमयू) का नाम दिया गया है। यह इकाई आवंटित खदानों के कारोबारियों व सरकार के विभागों के बीच समन्वय बनाकर उत्पादन कार्य जल्द शुरू करवाने में सहयोग का कार्य करेगी।

कह मिलेगी सुविधा : इससे इज ऑफ ड्रूंग बिजनेस को बढ़ावा मिलेगा। खदानों को परिचालित करने के लिए समय पर मंजूरी, अनुमति प्राप्त करने में आवंटन प्राप्त व्यक्तियों व कंपनियों को सहायता प्रदान करेगा। कोयला मंत्रालय के मुताबिक खदानों के परिचालन के लिए केंद्र व राज्य सरकार के प्राधिकरणों से आवश्यक विभिन्न मंजूरी प्राप्त करने में आवंटन प्राप्त व्यक्तियों, कंपनियों को पीएमयू समन्वय का काम करेगा।

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Coal Imports Decline 29%

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: The country's coal import dropped by 29.1% to 18.65 mt in April due to the lockdown to contain the spread of coronavirus infection.

The government recently asked power generating companies to reduce import for blending purpose and replace it with domestic coal.

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Lokmat Times

Coal production to clock 700 mn tonnes in FY21

New Delhi, May 10: India will produce a record 700 million tonnes of coal in the current fiscal ending March 2021, helping cut down on imports, Coal Secretary Anil Jain said.

India produced 602.14 million tonnes of coal in 2019-20 fiscal, marginally lower than 606 million tonnes output in the previous year. "We are on track to producing 700 million tonnes of coal in 2020-21 fiscal," Jain told PTI in an interview. This record output will help stop most of substitutable coal imports, he said. India imports 235 million tonnes of coal annually. About half of this is non-substitutable as they are tied to the power plant or user factories, but the

rest can be cut down, he said. "We will be able to cut substitutable coal imports with this rise in production," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set a target to expand the country's economy to USD 5 trillion by 2024, from USD 2.9 trillion currently, and reducing energy imports and harnessing domestic resources are key to meeting that goal. To meet the import reduction goal, state miner Coal India Ltd is targeting to raise its annual output to 1 billion tonnes by fiscal year 2024. Jain said FY20 coal production was lower than the target of 660 million tonnes because of flooding of a key coal mine.