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In H1, Coal India's capex at record ₹5,023 cr

Spends mostly on land acquisition, purchase of heavy earth moving equipment

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Coal India Ltd (CIL) has made a capital expenditure of close to ₹5,023 crore during the first half of the current fiscal primarily on land acquisition, purchase of heavy earth moving equipment and towards concluding certain high value tenders.

The capex as of September is a little over half of the capex planned for FY21 at ₹10,000 crore.

The provisioned capex target for the period was nearly ₹4,247 crore.

Among the major heads, purchase of HEMM at ₹1,360 crores accounted for 27 per cent of the total

capex.

It was followed by payments of around ₹1,289 crore for acquisition for mining operations accounting for almost 26 per cent of the capex.

This apart, setting up important rail lines and developing sidings constituted around 21 per cent and CIL spent close to ₹1,078 crore under this head.

Apart from these, CIL spent close to ₹1,297 crore on mine development, coal handling plants, silos, roads, exploration and prospecting, other plant and machinery and joint venture investments.

Historic high

"This is a historic high in capex utilisation as CIL has not exceeded 30 per cent target utilisation in the first half of a fiscal so far. The previous three year average of H1 capex utilisation has been around 20 per cent," said a senior CIL official.

During the April-September period, CIL clocked a capex growth of 242 per cent compared to same period last year at ₹1,467 crore (April-September'19).

"Land acquisition on fast track mode with the support of Ministry of Coal and modernisation of equipment and deployment in opencast (OC) mines will pave way for ramping up our production, productivity. Concurrent development of rail and other logistics will boost evacuation facilities to transport increased output," the official pointed out.

It is to be noted that capex is one of the key scoring performance parameter in the Memorandum of Understanding that CIL signs every year with the Ministry of Coal.

The Coal Ministry has been closely monitoring the progress of these commitments.

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CIL chief stresses on hike in coal production

RANCHI: Pramod Agrawal, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Coal India Ltd chaired a review meeting at CMPDI(HQ) today. Steps to augment coking coal at CCL, the status of CBM/CMM tenders, and progress of new initiatives proposed by CMPDI like the development of Coal e-Auction Platform, the establishment of Architectural and structural wing, Solar/ Renewable consultancy activities of CMPDI, and establishment of Coal exchange were discussed. Agrawal said there is necessity to increase the production of coking coal from CCL considering the cost of import to the country and stressed on washing of coal to meet the demand of coking coal to the extent possible and directed CMPDI to provide necessary consultancy to CCL towards this.

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CIL Chairman Pramod Agrawal holds review meeting

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In an attempt to improve growth of production of Coking coal at Central Coalfield Limited (CCL), Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Coal India Limited (CIL), Pramod Agrawal chaired a review meeting at the Central Mine Planning and design Institute, (CMPDI) Headquarters in the State Capital on Thursday.

Apart from Coking coal, status of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) and Coal Mine Methane (CMM) tenders and progress of new initiatives proposed by CMPDI like development of Coal e-Auction Platform, establishment of architectural and structural wing, solar and renewable energy consultancy activities of CMPDI and establishment of coal exchange were discussed.

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The CMD then visited Earth Science Museum located at CMPDI and advised to open the Museum to school children so that they could improve their

Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Coal India Ltd Pramod Agrawal chairing a Review Meeting at CMPDI (HQ) in Ranchi on Thursday. Pioneer photo

knowledge. He also visited Environment Lab, Coal Petrography Lab, Chemical Lab and CBM Lab.

On this occasion, CMD, CMPDI, Shekhar Saran, CMD CCL, PM Prasad, D

(T/Operations) of CCL VK Srivastava, D(T/ES) KK Mishra, D(T/RD&T), RN Jha, D(T/CRD), K Gomasta, RD, RI-III Manoj Kumar and other senior officials of CMPDI were present.

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कोल इंडिया चेयरमैन ने सीसीएल के कार्यों की समीक्षा के दौरान क्षेत्रीय महाप्रबंधकों को निर्देश दिया लक्ष्य प्राप्त करने लिए उत्पादन और ढुलाई पर दें ध्यान

मुख्य संवाददाता, रांची

रेलवे लाइन, वे ब्रिज आदि के निर्माण में आ रही परेशानी को दूर करने का प्रयास करने को कहा

झारखंड दौर के क्रम में कोल इंडिया के चेयरमैन प्रमोद अग्रवाल ने शुक्रवार को सीसीएल के कार्यों की समीक्षा की। वरुंचुअल माध्यम से क्षेत्रीय महाप्रबंधकों को निर्देश दिया कि कंपनी ने जो लक्ष्य दिया है, उसे प्राप्त करने के लिए विशेष ध्यान देने की जरूरत है। कंपनी का लक्ष्य उत्पादन और ढुलाई है। रेलवे लाइन, वे ब्रिज आदि के निर्माण में जो परेशानी हो रही है, उसे दूर करने का प्रयास करें। सीएमडी पीएम प्रसाद ने कहा कि सीसीएल को केंद्र सरकार, कोयला मंत्रालय एवं राज्य सरकार का सहयोग निरंतर मिल रहा है। सीसीएल 100 मिलियन टन कोयला उत्पादन के लिए अग्रसर है।



हरी झंडी दिखाकर एडवांस लाइफ सपोर्ट एंबुलेंस रवाना करते चेयरमैन प्रमोद अग्रवाल .

कोल उपभोक्ता के साथ भी बैठे

चेयरमैन प्रमोद अग्रवाल ने कोल उपभोक्ताओं के साथ भी बैठक की और उनकी समस्याएं दूर करने के लिए मिलजुल कर प्रयास करने का आश्वासन दिया। मौके पर निदेशक तकनीकी (संचालन) वीके श्रीवास्तव, निदेशक (वित्त), एनके अग्रवाल, निदेशक कार्मिक विनय रंजन, सीवीओ एसके सिन्हा, सीएमएस डॉ मंजु मिश्रा, डॉ डीकेएल चौहान, डॉ वीके सिंह डॉ अंजना झा, डॉ रत्नेश जैन, डॉ सुमन सिंह, डॉ वासुदेव रजक आदि मौजूद थे।

वन व राजस्व सचिव संग बैठक : प्रमोद अग्रवाल ने राज्य के वन सचिव एपी सिंह व भू राजस्व सचिव केके सोन से मुलाकात की। श्री अग्रवाल ने वन और भूमि क्लियरेंस के मुद्दे पर बात की। उन्होंने बताया कि राज्य में सीसीएल, बीसीसीएल, सीएमपीडीआइ, इसीएल काम कर रही है। इनका कई स्थानों पर वन व भूमि क्लियरेंस का मामला लटका हुआ है।

सात एडवांस लाइफ सपोर्ट एंबुलेंस

रवाना किया। सभी एम्बुलेंस डिफिब्रिलेटर, इन्फ्यूजन पंप, ऑक्सिजन सिलेंडर रेगुलेटर, पोर्टेबल सक्शन पंप, ट्रांसपोर्ट चैटिलेटर आदि जैसी कई

अत्याधुनिक उपकरणों से सुसज्जित हैं। गंभीर रोगियों को आपात स्थिति में अतिशीघ्र चिकित्सा सुविधा मिल पायेगी। एंबुलेंस को गांधीनगर अस्पताल,

रामगढ़ केंद्रीय अस्पताल, केंद्रीय अस्पताल डकर, केंद्रीय अस्पताल ढोरी, केंद्रीय अस्पताल मगध-आम्रपाली, बरकासयाल परेज भेजा गया है।

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Coal India's fuel allocation rises over 49% this FY

Coal India (CIL) has allocated 13.86 million tonne (mt) coal in the first five months of this fiscal under spot e-auction scheme, registering a YoY increase of 49.5 per cent. CIL had allocated 9.27 mt of coal in the April-August period of the previous fiscal year, stated government data. **PTI**

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Buoyed by revival, CIL may set 10% reserve price

Move will help improve realisation and profits for the state-owned coal miner

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Kolkata, October 9

Coal India Ltd (CIL), the state-owned miner, which had brought down the reserve price on coal sold through auction to nearly zero due to Covid-19 induced poor demand, is now looking to increase the reserve price.

The CIL board has approved a reserve price of up to 10 per cent for the auction in October, a senior marketing executive told *BusinessLine* on conditions of anonymity.

"When the pandemic struck and the lockdown was announced, we realised that there is going to be a drop in demand and a cash crunch for companies, so we brought down our re-

serve price to almost zero for both the regulated and non-regulated sectors. But right now, we feel demand is picking up, so we will try to increase the reserve price for the auction," the official said.

Based on the response garnered in the auction in October and the amount of premium earned, CIL will take a call on the reserve price for November.

"We will act as the market tells us.....there will be an auction in October. (We will see) what premium is obtained, and then take a decision," he added.

A higher sale through the auction route would help the company garner better profitability as the average price realisation on e-auc-



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tion is usually better than the sale through the FSA (fuel supply agreement) route.

Higher volumes

The aim of the company is to keep its profit margins stable by tweaking both price and quantity with a greater emphasis on in-

creasing the volume sale.

The lowering of the reserve price during the initial months of this fiscal helped CIL book almost 65 per cent higher sale through the auction platform this year as compared to last year.

During the period from April-September 2020, the

country's largest miner booked close to 41.4 mt of coal through the auction route, as against a sale of around 25.1 mt during the same period last year.

For the financial year 2019-20, CIL had booked sales to the tune of 66 mt through the e-auction route.

"We tried to push coal as much as possible so that nobody is deprived of it or forced to pay more," he said.

Shoring up sales

Apart from focussing on sale through the e-auction route, the company is also trying to shore up offtake by offering coal to power generators beyond their ACQ (annual contracted quantity). The facility would be made available to those FSAs which have come through the LoA (Let-

ter of Assurance) route, and not to those who had won their bid quantity in auctions. The company has been getting a good response on the same.

Coal India has been taking initiatives to shore up sales under the FSA route by providing certain relief to its customers. CIL had recently allowed power companies to use a Usance Letter of Credit for the payment of coal instead of a cash advance, which is mandated for supplies made under FSA.

"We did whatever was possible to help our consumers. We provided the option of Usance LCs so that consumers can keep their liquidity. This will give them a credit period starting from 15 days up to nearly three months, and in some cases even six months," the official said.

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Govt's ₹40k cr bet on cleaner coal

5 Methanol Plants Being Set Up By CIL

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New Delhi: The Modi government has put a Rs 40,000 crore bet on new technologies to decarbonise India's vast reserves of Black Diamond as the world's second-largest coal consumer continues to draw flak from climate activists and renewables chip away at demand from thermal power stations.

In its latest initiative to find cleaner use for coal, state-run behemoth Coal India and its subsidiaries are in the process of setting up five projects to make methanol, or methyl alcohol, from coal using what is commonly known as CTL



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(coal-to-liquid) technology. Each of these projects is estimated to cost approximately Rs 6,000 crore.

While CTL is the latest technology being deployed, the bid to find cleaner use for coal was launched with a Rs 13,000-crore coal-to-gas, or coal gasification, project in Angul district of Odisha. The gas produced from coal will

be used for making urea at the Talcher fertiliser plant in the district. Coal India executives said 3-4 more such projects have been identified.

"Coal India has already invited bids for the first project at Dankuni coal complex in West Bengal. PDIL (Projects & Development India Ltd) is conducting the pre-feasibility study for

four others. We expect the reports to be ready by January-end," a top coal ministry official told TOI.

Methanol is an excellent energy carrier, making it ideal for lacing motor fuels up to 15%, which improves combustion and contributes towards reducing the country's coal imports. Methanol also has wide industrial applications and is the building block for a range of everyday products — from plastics to synthetic yarns for making textiles.

Bengal will have the second coal-to-methanol plant at Sonapur near Asansol. The others will be set up in Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Jharkhand. Eastern Coalfields will supply coal for the Asansol project, South Eastern Coalfields the Chhattisgarh plant and Central Coalfields the Jharkhand plant. These projects will consume almost 7.5 mil-

lion tonne per annum of coal, the official said.

The projects will be implemented through the BOO (build, own, operate) model and the operator would fund, own and lease the plant as well as store the product. CIL and its subsidiaries will provide land, power and water.

Government think-tank Niti Ayog has been pushing for developing a methanol economy as one of the options to reduce India's carbon footprint in line with the Paris climate commitment and dependence on oil imports. But for Coal India, finding cleaner use for coal may become imperative for survival as thermal power plants, the main consumers, lose ground to renewable projects. The share of renewables, including large hydel projects, in the country's installed generation capacity has risen to 36.2% as of March 2020.