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Amid power crunch, CIL ramps up output plans

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National miner Coal India (CIL) is eyeing 12 per cent growth in its production during the current financial year as it opens new mines to tackle the incremental demand for coal from the power sector.

The firm said it has received environmental clearance for 20 proposals, which shall add an incremental capacity of 22 million tonne per year (mtpy). Additionally, 36 mining projects have been cleared by CIL with a sanctioned capacity of 333 mt and an incremental capacity of 220 mt.

Senior executives said these new projects would add substantially to production growth in the future. As heatwave gripped the nation from March onwards, power demand

TARGETS 12% COAL OUTPUT GROWTH IN FY23

700 mt CIL's coal production for FY23

53,47 mt CIL record monthly production, in April

20 unutilised underground

mines identified for awarding to private sector via MDO mode

touched record highs. This led to a coal demand-supply mismatch and CIL found itself at the receiving end.

The company, however, claimed that it touched a record high coal production during April. Government data indicated that CIL recorded the highest monthly coal production of 53,47 mt in April 2022, registering growth of 27.64 per cent over last year's corresponding period.

Until May, so far, CIL production is at 26.35 mt, 34.44 per cent more than the production

during the same period last year. Total dispatches of coal from CIL went up to 52.50 mt in April 2022, from 54.23 mt in April 2021, indicating an increase of 6.03 per cent, said a government statement.

CIL's production target for the ongoing financial is 700 mt, with the power sector getting a share of more than 500 mt.

CIL executives said to push coal production, the company has approved 16 coal mining projects, of which seven are greenfield projects and nine are expansion projects. Total

capacity of these projects is 100 mtpy and incremental capacity is around 27 mtpy.

Coal India had earlier identified 15 projects, which would be awarded to private 'mining development operator (MDO)'. The projects have a cumulative capacity of 170 mtpy. An executive said the company has issued work orders for five projects with 96 mtpy capacity.

The company is also planning to offer unutilised mines that are mostly underground for private investment via the MDO mode, Business Standard had reported. The company said it has identified 20 such mines. For improving coal loading and despatch, CIL is setting up coal handling plants and silos at 35 of its projects. According to the company's estimates, this additional infrastructure can handle 415 mt by FY25.

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कोल इंडिया का जोर उत्पादन बढ़ाने पर

श्रेया जय

नई दिल्ली, 24 मई

कोयला खनन करने वाली सरकारी कंपनी कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड ने चालू वित्त वर्ष के दौरान अपने उत्पादन में 12 फीसदी की वृद्धि हासिल करने पर ध्यान केंद्रित कर रही है। बिजली क्षेत्र से लगातार बढ़ रही मांग को पूरा करने के लिए कंपनी अपनी नई खदानों का परिचालन भी शुरू कर रही है।

कंपनी ने कहा कि उसे 20 प्रस्तावों के लिए पर्यावरण मंजूरी मिल गई है जिनसे उत्पादन क्षमता में सालाना 2.2 करोड़ टन की वृद्धि होगी। इसके अलावा कोल इंडिया की ओर से 36 खनन परियोजनाओं को मंजूरी दी गई है जिनकी कुल आर्विटेड क्षमता 33.3 करोड़ टन की है और वृद्धिशील क्षमता 22 करोड़ टन है।

कंपनी के वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों ने कहा कि इन नई परियोजनाओं से भविष्य के उत्पादन में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि होगी। माच के बाद से ही देश गर्मी की लहर से जूझ रहा है और ऐसे में बिजली की मांग रिकॉर्ड इन्वॉय पर पहुंच गई है। इससे कोयले की मांग और आपूर्ति में अंतर पैदा हो गया है। कोल

■ कंपनी ने अपनी उत्पाद योजनाओं को आगे बढ़ाया

■ कंपनी की लॉजर वित्त वर्ष 2023 में 12 फीसदी की वृद्धि पर

■ कंपनी को 20 प्रस्तावों के लिए

पर्यावरण मंजूरी मिल गई हैं जिनसे उत्पादन क्षमता में सालाना 2.2 करोड़ टन की वृद्धि होगी

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इंडिया इस संकट को भुनाने के लिए महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका में है।

हालांकि कंपनी ने दावा किया है कि उसने अप्रैल में कोयले का रिकॉर्ड उत्पादन किया। सरकारी आंकड़ों से पता चलता है कि कोल इंडिया ने अप्रैल 2022 में 5.347 करोड़ टन कोयले का उत्पादन किया जो किसी एक महोने के दौरान सर्वाधिक उत्पादन है। यह एक साल पहले की समान अवधि के मुकाबले 27.64 फीसदी अधिक है।

मई 2022 तक कोल इंडिया का उत्पादन 2.635 करोड़ टन था

जो पिछले साल की समान अवधि में हुए उत्पादन के मुकाबले 34.44 फीसदी अधिक है। एक सरकारी बयान में कहा गया है कि कोल इंडिया के खदानों से कोयले का कुल डिस्ट्रीब्यूट अप्रैल 2022 में 6.03 फीसदी बढ़कर 5.75 करोड़ टन हो गया जो अप्रैल 2021 में 5.423 करोड़ टन रहा था।

चालू वित्त वर्ष के लिए कोल इंडिया का उत्पादन लक्ष्य 70 करोड़ टन है। इसमें से बिजली क्षेत्र को अधिकांश आपूर्ति की जाएगी जो 50 करोड़ टन से अधिक है।

कोल इंडिया के अधिकारियों ने कहा कि कोयले का उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए कंपनी ने कुल 16 कोयला खनन परियोजनाओं को मंजूरी दी है। इनमें से 7 परियोजनाएं नई हैं जबकि 9 परियोजनाओं में क्षमता विस्तार किया जाएगा। इन परियोजनाओं की कुल क्षमता सालाना 10 करोड़ टन कोयला उत्पादन की होगी जबकि वृद्धिशील क्षमता करीब 2.7 करोड़ टन सालाना होगी।

कोल इंडिया ने इससे पहले निजी खनन विकास ऑपरेटर्स (एनडीओ) को आर्विटेड करने के लिए 15 परियोजनाओं को पहचान की थी। उन परियोजनाओं की कुल उत्पादन क्षमता 17 करोड़ टन सालाना है। एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने कहा कि कंपनी ने सालाना 9.6 करोड़ टन क्षमता के साथ 5 परियोजनाओं के लिए काम शुरू करने के निर्देश जारी किए हैं।

कंपनी बिना उपयोग वाले बैंकर पट्टी खजनों की पेशकश करने की भी योजना बना रही है। इस समाचार पत्र ने खबर दी थी कि इसमें से अधिकतर खदान एमटीओ मोड में निजी निवेश के इंतजार में हैं। कंपनी ने कहा है कि उसने ऐसी 20 खदानों की पहचान की है।

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Coal India to open big Odisha mine this year

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State-run Coal India will open this year what is expected to become one of the country's biggest coal mines, officials said, as India struggles to keep pace with surging power demand.

Output from the new Siarmal mine in Odisha would rise gradually, reaching capacity of 50 million tonnes in about five to seven years, Vinayak Jamwal, spokesman for Coal India unit Mahanadi Coalfields (MCL), told Reuters.

Production would initially start in the October to December quarter at an annualised rate of about 2 million to 5 million tonnes, Jamwal said.

Coal India's record production has been a bright

spot in efforts to end India's worst power crisis in more than six years, as a heatwave has driven up demand for power and forced the government to reverse a policy on cutting coal imports.

India, which also plans to reopen closed mines to deal with the crisis, has not said how the drive for more coal would hit the country's emissions targets but it has repeated that it plans to install 450 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy by 2030.

India now has total electricity generation capacity of 401 GW, of which 111.4 GW is renewable power.

Jamwal said work was proceeding on infrastructure for Siarmal, an open cast mine built in a partly forested area.

No Indian mine has produced more than 50 million tonnes of coal in a year. The Gevra coal

mine, India's largest, aims to produce 52 million tonnes this year.

Coal India plans to open two more mines with combined annual capacity of 7 million tonnes in the financial year to March 2023, officials said, adding that plans to open seven new mines this financial year were unlikely to be achieved.

At a time when power use is growing at its fastest rate in about four decades, the state-run railway has struggled to deliver enough coal to utilities, leaving them with their lowest pre-summer inventory levels in at least nine years.

Coal India, which accounts for 80% of India's domestic output, plans to produce 700 million tonnes of coal in 2022 and aims to hit annual output of 1 billion tonnes by 2025.

— Reuters

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Coal production increases to 34 MT

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India's coal production continued its record achievement during the first half of May 2022 also, further improving on production and dispatch performance attained in April this year.

During the first half of May 2022, total coal production increased to 33.94 Million Ton (MT) achieving a growth of 36.23% over the production of 24.91 MT during the same period last year. Total coal dispatch up to 15th May 2022 has been at 37.18 MT recording an increase of 15.87% during the corresponding period last year.

Total coal despatches (including non-CIL coal-producing units) have been to the tune of 71.77 MT for the entire month of April 2022 registering a growth of 9.39% on a year-on-year basis. The total coal production in the country has



increased to 67 Million Tonnes (MT) in April 2022 registering an impressive growth of 29.80%.

Coal India Limited (CIL) has played an important role in augmenting production and recorded its highest monthly coal production of 53.47 MT in the month of April 2022, a growth of 27.64% on a year-on-year basis. Up to 15th May 2022, CIL production has been at 26.35 MT, an increase of 34.44% over production of 19.60 MT during the same period last year. The total despatches of coal from CIL have gone up to 57.50 MT in April

2022 from 54.23 MT in April 2021 indicating an increase of 6.03%. As per the consolidated figures, overall despatches (including non-CIL production) to power have been at the level of 61.69 MT as compared to 52.32 MT in April 2021, recording an increase of 17.91%.

The Ministry of Coal is continuing all efforts to further enhance coal production and dispatch to meet the increasing power demand in the country due to sustained economic growth and also the seasonal factors.

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Coal India net up 46% to ₹6,693 cr

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, 25 May

State-owned CIL on Wednesday posted a 45.9 per cent rise in its consolidated net profit at ₹6,692.94 crore for the quarter ended March, 2022 on the back of higher revenue from operations.

The company's consolidated net profit was at ₹4,586.78 crore in the year-ago period, Coal India Ltd (CIL) said in a BSE filing.

The consolidated revenue from operations of CIL in the January-March period increased to ₹32,706.77 crore in FY22 from ₹26,700.14 crore in the year-ago period.

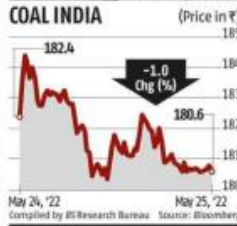
The total expenses of the company during the period increased to ₹25,161.20 crore compared to ₹21,515.60 crore in the year-ago period.

CIL's production for the quarter ended March 31, 2022 increased to 209 million tonnes over 203.42 million tonnes in the corresponding quarter of previous fiscal.

The company's offtake of fossil fuel during January-March quarter also went up to 180.25 MT, as against 164.89 MT in the corresponding quarter of previous fiscal.

For the financial year-ended on March 31, 2022, CIL's production was 622.63 MT, up from 596.22 MT in FY21.

The company further said that its



"board has recommended payment of final dividend for 2021-22 at ₹3 per share... subject to the approval of the members of the ensuing annual general meeting." CIL accounts for over 80 per cent of the country's total coal output.

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कोल इंडिया का शुद्ध लाभ 46 प्रतिशत बढ़ा

कोल इंडिया (सीआईएल) का त्रैमासिक शुद्ध लाभ वित्त वर्ष 2021-22 की चौथी तिमाही में 45.9 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 6,692.84 करोड़ रुपये पर पहुंच गया। साथ ही शुद्ध के पास कंपनी का मुनाफा बढ़ा है। इससे पिछले वित्त वर्ष मार्च 2020-21 की चौथी तिमाही में कंपनी का त्रैमासिक शुद्ध लाभ 4,586.78 करोड़ रुपये था। सीआईएल को परिचालन लागत की विलंबताओं को जवाबदेगी-पूर्ण तिमाही में बढ़कर 32,706.77 करोड़ रुपये हो गई, जो इससे पिछले वित्त वर्ष की इसी तिमाही में 26,700.14 करोड़ रुपये थी। कंपनी का कुल लाभ भी आश्चर्यजनक रूप से तीसरा बढ़कर 25,161.20 करोड़ रुपये हो गया। एक साल पहले की इसी अवधि में यह 21,515.60 करोड़ रुपये था।

इसके अलावा का सीआईएल का उत्पादन 31 मार्च, 2022 को समाप्त चौथी तिमाही में बढ़कर 20.9 करोड़ टन का हो गया। कंपनी ने इससे पिछले वर्ष की समाप्त तिमाही में 20.34 करोड़ टन कोकले का उत्पादन किया था। कोल इंडिया के निदेशक मंडल ने वित्त वर्ष 2021-22 के लिए तीन रुपये प्रति शेयर के हिस्से के अंतिम संचालन के पुनर्गणना की सिफारिश की है। यह सिफारिश इकोनॉमिक सर्विसेज ग्रुप लिमिटेड की सहायता से की गई है।

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Coal India profit rises 46% to ₹6,693 cr in Q4

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, May 25

STATE-OWNED CIL on Wednesday posted a 45.9% rise in its consolidated net profit at ₹6,692.94 crore for the quarter ended March, 2022 on the back of higher revenue from operations.

The company's consolidated net profit was at ₹4,586.78 crore in the year-ago period, Coal India (CIL) said in a BSE filing.

The consolidated revenue from operations of CIL in the January-March period increased to ₹32,706.77 crore in FY22 from ₹26,700.14 crore in the year-ago period.

The total expenses of the company during the period increased to ₹25,161.20 crore compared to ₹21,515.60 crore in the year-ago period.

CIL's production for the quarter ended March 31, 2022 increased to 209 million tonnes over 203.42 million tonnes in the corresponding quarter of previous fiscal.

The company's offtake of fossil fuel during January-March quarter also went up to 180.25 MT, against 164.89 MT in the corresponding quarter of previous fiscal.

For the financial year-ended on March 31, 2022, CIL's production was 622.63 MT, up from 596.22 MT in FY21.

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'Striving to minimise carbon footprint'

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Kolkata, May 25

The growing demand for coal is also escalating challenges of managing carbon emissions. In an exclusive interaction with BusinessLine, Pramod Agrawal, Chairman, Coal India (CIL), shared his thoughts on how the PSU producer, pressed to increase production to meet the growing energy demand, is setting targets to shrink its carbon footprint. According to him, most emissions happen when coal is burnt and "CIL is into production and transportation, not burning coal..." Excerpts:

CIL aims at producing 700 mt coal during FY23, which translates roughly into 12 per cent growth over the last year. Is it achievable?

Yes I know it is a lofty target but we hope to achieve it during the current fiscal. I believe that a target should be challenging enough that you push yourself hard to achieve it, but not so difficult that you know it is unachievable and give up even without trying.

So we have fixed our target just stiff enough. We have drawn up a month-wise plan

For cleaner, faster and fully automated coal loading, CIL is setting up plants and silos in 35 projects by FY25 to load an additional 415 mt through first mile connectivity.

PRAMOD AGARWAL
Chairman, Coal India



and we have been able to achieve nearly 95-96 per cent of our target so far. In the first quarter of this financial year we are likely to achieve 35 mt excess production as compared to the same period last year.

Emissions will go up with increased coal production. How do you plan to manage your carbon footprint?

Most emissions take place when the coal is burnt. We are not burning coal, we only produce and transport the coal. So we can introduce methods to bring down emissions caused

while producing and transporting it, and we are already undertaking several such measures.

In fact, transportation of coal causes more pollution and we are taking initiatives through our first mile connectivity projects to bring that down.

How will your first mile connectivity projects address the issue of emissions?

For environmentally cleaner, faster and fully automated coal loading, CIL is setting up coal handling plants and silos in 35 projects by FY25 to load an additional 415 mt through first mile connectivity (FMC). We

are already loading around 150 mt of coal in such manner. Of the 35 FMC projects, six of 82 mt per annum capacity have been commissioned so far. This will help bring down the carbon footprint during transportation of coal.

Is there any method to reduce emissions during coal production?

Surface miners in open cast mines entail blast-free extraction of coal and are hence environment friendly, as they reduce noise and dust pollution. Also, they lead to better quality coal output with consistent-sized coal. For FY22, CIL's output through surface miners was 332.3 mt, which is roughly around 52 per cent of the company's entire open cast production.

Currently 117 surface miners are actively functional in six subsidiaries. We will be implementing 22 more surface miners during FY23 to our production line, thus scaling up the fleet strength to a total of 149.

This apart, CIL's green cover in its mining areas has expanded significantly to 1468.5 hectares (Ha) during FY22, thus posting a 70 per cent growth over 862 Ha of FY21.

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Coal India net jumps 46% to ₹6,715 cr

Aims to step up output to 700 mt in current fiscal

OUR BUREAU
Kolkata, May 25

Coal India (CIL) consolidated net profit saw a 46 per cent increase at ₹6,715 crore for the quarter ended March 31, 2022, as compared with ₹4,589 crore in the same period last year.

Net sales grew 23 per cent to ₹30,046 crore during the quarter under review compared with ₹24,511 crore in the

same period last year. The company's board has recommended a final dividend of ₹3 per share for 2021-22 subject to approval of members at the ensuing annual general meeting. The company said coal production during the January-March 2022 quarter grew by around three per cent at 209 million tonne (mt), against 203.42 mt in the same period last year.

Price gap

Talking about the need to step up production, Pramod Agarwal, Chairman, CIL, told *Busi-*

nessline that the huge price differential between imported coal and domestic coal was a deterrent for players to bring coal from international markets, so it was important to step up production.

"There is a huge gap in prices of international and domestic coal, and it needs to be seen how many consumers are willing to pay the price of imported coal. Also, if a country like India begins to import coal, international prices will go up further. So we have no choice but to step up production," he said.

Coal India has set a target of achieving production of around 700 mt during the current fiscal, a growth of around 12 per cent over last year.

CIL's offtake grew by over nine per cent at 180.25 mt (164.89 mt) during the quarter under review. It sold close to 150.31 mt through FSA route and the average realisation was ₹1,474.37 a tonne, and it sold 27.65 mt through e-auction route at average realisation of ₹2,434.15 a tonne.

The company's scrip closed at ₹180.60, down 0.99 per cent on the BSE on Wednesday.

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Coal India Q4 net rises 46% to ₹6,693 crore

Coal India Ltd posted a 45.9 per cent rise in its consolidated net profit at ₹6,692.94 crore for the March quarter, against ₹4,586.78 crore in the year-ago period, on the back of higher revenue from operations. Consolidated revenue from operations rose to ₹32,706.77 crore from ₹26,700.14 crore. Total expenses increased to ₹25,161.20 crore against ₹21,515.60 crore. Q4 production rose to 209 mt.

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Coal India net up 46% in Q4

Coal India (CIL), India's largest coal producing company, witnessed a 46% growth in its consolidated net profit to ₹6,693 crore in the fourth quarter ending March 31, 2022. The company reported a consolidated net profit of ₹4,587 crore in the year-ago period. Revenue from operations for the quarter came in at ₹3,2706.77 crore, up 22.49% from ₹26,700.14 crore in the year-ago quarter. Total expenses increased to ₹25,161.20 crore in the quarter, compared to ₹21,515.60 crore in the year-ago period. CIL, which accounts for over 80 % of the country's coal supply, said its production increased to 209 million tonnes over 203.42 million tonnes in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal. Its offtake of fossil fuel during January-March quarter also went up to 180.25 MT, as against 164.89 MT in the corresponding quarter of previous fiscal. *ENS*

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Coal India profit jumps 46%

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Calcutta: Better realisation from the sale of coal has pushed up the net profit of Coal India during the fourth quarter ended March 31.

The public sector miner on Wednesday reported a jump of 46 per cent in its consolidated net profit from continuing operations at Rs 6,715 crore in the fourth quarter. Coal India had reported a profit of Rs 4,589 crore in the year-ago period.

Consolidated revenue from operations increased 22 per cent to Rs 32,707 crore in the quarter under review from Rs 26,700 crore in the same quarter last fiscal.

During the January-March quarter, the average realisation from coal sold through fuel supply agreements was Rs 1,474.37 per tonne and that through electronic auction was Rs 2,434.15 per tonne. Both the numbers are higher compared with the year ago average realisation of Rs 1,381.73 per tonne and Rs 1,752.03 per tonne from FSA and e-auction, respectively.

Coal production and off-take during the quarter was 209 million tonnes (mt) and

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Revenues 26700 32707

Net profit 4589 6715

180.25 mt, respectively, up from 203.42 mt and 164.88 mt in the same period previous year. While production and off-take is typically on the higher side during the fourth quarter, Coal India also had to step up supply to shore up inventory at power plants amid rising demand, reflecting an improvement in both volume and realisation.

For the full year 2021-22, net profit from continuing operations was Rs 17,376.42 crore compared with Rs 12,702.17 crore in the previous year, a growth of 36.8 per cent. Consolidated revenues for the fiscal jumped 22 per cent to Rs 1,09,714 crore from Rs 90,026 crore in the last year.

The board of directors in its meeting has recommended a final dividend at Rs 3 per share of the face value of Rs 10 for the financial year 2021-22.