

Coal India's production up 10.6% in H1, supplies by 8.1%

Coal India Limited (CIL) sustaining the double digit output growth since the beginning the current fiscal posted a robust 10.6% production growth during April-September 2018 alongside an 8.1% jump in total coal supplies, against comparable period last year. Coal supplies to power sector evinced 10% growth during the referred period.

HI (April-September 2018)

During first Six months of the current fiscal the *Maharatna* coal mining PSU produced 256.47 Million Tonnes (MTs) of coal, showing a strong volume increase of 24.59 MTs, with a growth of 10.6% compared to 231.88 MTs same period last year. Total coal offtake at 290.81 MTs during this period was 21.81 MTs more registering a growth of 8.1%. Coal offtake was 269 MTs same period a year ago.

On the back of increased rake loading, CIL supplied the Thermal Power Plants of the country with 232.21 MTs of coal during HI of the current fiscal, which is 21.11 MTs more coal, compared to HI last fiscal the growth being 10%. Supplies to TPPs were 211.10 MTs during H1 last fiscal.

Average rake loading per day from CIL sources to Power Sector at 202 rakes grew by 9.6% during April-September 2018 compared to 184.3 rakes for similar period a year ago. The increased loading in absolute terms is 17.7 rakes a day.

Q2 (July-September 2018)

"Despite the monsoon impeding our production and coal offtake in the second quarter of the fiscal, we have been able to register a growth of 5.8% and 4.5% respectively in both these performance parametres during July-September 2018" said a senior official of the company.

Coal production during July-September 2018 at 119.62 MTs increased by 6.58 MTs in absolute terms compared to 113.04 MTs in the similar quarter last year registering a growth of 5.8%. Coal off-take during Q2 of the current FY at 137.34 MTs was up by 5.76 MTs compared to 131.58 MTs same quarter last year. The growth is 4.4%.

CIL supplied 5.3 MTs more coal to power plants during the second quarter of the FY'19 than it did in the same quarter last year. Coal supplies to TPPs during Q2 of the current fiscal were 109.4 MTs against 104.1 MTs, for the comparable quarter last year, which is a growth of 5.1%.

Loading from CIL sources to power plants during July-September 2018 was 187 rakes per day compared to 179.7 rakes on a similar period comparison, which is 7.3 rakes more per day. The growth in rake loading to power sector is 4.1%.

The company liquidated 34.34 MTs of its pit head coal stock during the first six months of the current fiscal. The stock pile stood at 21.21 MTs which was 55.55 MTs at the beginning of the fiscal.