

Published Date:	29 Mar 2022	Publication:	The Telegraph [Kolkata]
Journalist:	Bureau	Page No:	6

Coal India allays supply fears



RUSH HOUR

STAFF REPORTER

Calcutta: Coal India on Monday allayed fears of a supply shortage for power plants and said it is concentrating its efforts to meet the increased demand during summer.

"CIL is cognisant of the importance of meeting increased coal demand in the power sector as the generation will step into higher orbit with the advent of summer. With sufficient coal in the system and stepping up its production, CIL is geared to meet the summer demand," the public sector miner said in a statement.

Coal India has estimated that based on the current trend of coal stock accumulation, the miner is expected to open fiscal 2023 above 60mt at its pitheads. The stockpile of domestic coal at power plants is expected to rise to around

25mt by the close of the fiscal, the bulk of it augmented by CIL's supplies. Further, an additional 4.5mt will be available at goods sheds, washeries and ports.

Moreover, CIL has said that power plants without a power purchase agreement can participate under a separate electronic auction window.

Coal India has already offered an additional 11.2 million tonnes of coal in two rounds on an 'as is where is basis', to boost coal stocks at generating units during the unprecedented spike in power generation witnessed in September 2021.

Till March 24, Coal India had supplied an all time high of 528 million tonnes to the power utilities. This is 98.5 per cent of the prorated demand of 536mt projected by the Union power ministry and the Central Electricity Authority.

Published Date:	29 Mar 2022	Publication:	Financial Express [New Delhi]
Journalist:	Bureau	Page No:	5

CIL to start FY23 with pithead stock of 60 MT

FE BUREAU
Kolkata, March 28

PSU COAL MINER Coal India (CIL) is likely to open FY23 with pithead stock of 60 million tonne (mt) as against 99 mt in the last fiscal year. Despite such large pithead stocks at the opening of the last fiscal, the country had to face a power crisis. The miner had to despatch coal on an emergency basis to the power plants and cut down on its non-core and e-auction supplies.

But CIL is confident that coal shortage won't lead to

power cuts in the current fiscal. The average stockpile at the power plants is expected to rise to around 25 mt by the close of the fiscal and an additional 4.5 mt would be available at goods sheds, washeries, and ports.

Power houses without power purchase agreements (PPA), already eligible for participation under a separate auction window called SHAKTI B(viii-a), would be able to get the supplies of coal from that window, a CIL executive said, adding the company was focused on meeting its

■ CIL is confident that coal shortage won't lead to power cuts in the current fiscal

■ The average stockpile at the power plants is expected to rise to around 25 mt by the close of the fiscal

despatch commitment to the country's power stations as the supply numbers indicate.

Indigenous coal stock at power houses stood at 23.7 mt as of March 24, according to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA)-monitored figures.

In fact, after a supply crunch to the power sector, when coal stocks were at an average of 10.37 mt in September and 8.07 mt in October last year, CIL offered a total of an additional 11.2 mt of coal in two rounds on an 'as is where is' basis to boost coal stocks at the generating units. The offer was made to 12 central and state gencos from CIL's highly-stocked mines.

Published Date:	29 Mar 2022	Publication:	Business Standard [New Delhi]
Journalist:	PTI	Page No:	4

Making efforts to meet demand: Coal India allays short-supply fears

Allaying fears of coal supply shortage, state-owned Coal India (CIL) on Monday said it is concentrating its efforts to meet the projected demand of the power sector on priority basis. The state-owned coal miner in this fiscal till March 24 has supplied an all-time high of 528 million tonnes (mt) of coal to the country's power utilities. This is 98.5 per cent of the pro-rated demand of 536 mt projected by the Ministry of Power and the Central Electricity Authority. "CIL allays the supply shortfall apprehension of the power sector and is concentrating its efforts to meet the projected coal demand of this regulated sector on priority basis," the company said in a statement. **PTI**

Published Date:	29 Mar 2022	Publication:	Jansatta (Hindi) [New Delhi]
Journalist:	Bureau	Page No:	15

बिजली क्षेत्र की मांग को पूरा करने का प्रयास कर रहे हैं : कोल इंडिया

नई दिल्ली, 28 मार्च (भाषा)।

देश में कोयले की आपूर्ति में कमी की चिंता के बीच कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड (सीआइएल) ने सोमवार को कहा कि वह बिजली क्षेत्र की मांग को प्राथमिकता के आधार पर पूरा करने के लिए अपने प्रयासों पर ध्यान केंद्रित कर रही है।

सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कंपनी ने चालू वित्त वर्ष में 24 मार्च तक देश की बिजली कंपनियों को 52.8 करोड़ टन की अबतक की सबसे ऊंची आपूर्ति की है।

Coal mining operations resume at Margherita

Govt committed to maintain balance between development and environment: CM



ANN SERVICE

DIGBOI, March 26: Coal mining operations at North Eastern Coalfields (NEC), a unit of Coal India Limited

(CIL), resumed on Saturday with Union Minister of Coal, Mines & Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi inaugurating the resumption of mining operations along

with Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma at Tikak Colliery of NEC at Margherita in Tinsukia district.

» SEE PAGE 11

Coal mining ...

(Contd from page 1)

The mining operations at NEC were halted in 2020 owing to certain environmental issues. The NEC presently operates in Tikak Colliery in Margherita with two opencast projects – Tikak and Tikak Extension – with a combined coal production capacity of 4 lakh tonnes per annum.

The NEC will also start producing coal from its Tirap opencast project from the financial year 2022-23 with a target of producing 10 lakh tonnes of coal per annum, an official press release stated. The Chief Minister thanked the Union minister for his pro-active initiatives for resuming mining operations at Tikak. Sarma also lauded the role of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying that his vision for the growth of the northeastern region and his guidance were instrumental in resuming mining operations at NEC.

Stating that with the resumption of mining operations at Tikak Colliery, the State government has fulfilled yet another promise made to the people in the Assembly election, Sarma said the Assam government is committed to maintain a balance between development and environment.

“While operationalizing Tikak Colliery, we have ensured that mining activities continue in sync with nature,” Sarma said. “Our government has extended all cooperation to Coal India in resolving environmental and other issues that stalled the functioning of the North Eastern Coalfields,” he added.

Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Ram-eswar Teli, Assam Minister of Mines and Minerals Jogen Mo-han and Margherita MLA Bhaskar Sarma were also present at the programme where CIL chairman Pramod Agrawal delivered the welcome address.

