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Coal India to set up new ₹5,800-cr coal gasification project in Bengal

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STATE-RUN COAL INDIA (CIL) is planning to set up a coal-gasification project with an estimated investment of ₹5,800 crore in the Dankuni coal complex in West Bengal. The project, which is now in the planning stage, will convert 1.5 million tonne (MT) of the fuel into other products and reduce emissions. "Tenders for the project are likely to be floated in September itself, and it is expected to be complete by January, 2025" Binay Dayal, CIL's director, technical said in a webinar on coal gasification organised by the Union coal ministry on Monday.

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi had said that ₹20,000 crore will be invested in coal gasification projects by 2030 for eco-friendly utilisation of the fuel, which is abundantly available in the country. With this technology, coal can be gasified to turn it into a clean syngas or synthesis gas—a mixture of hydrogen and carbon monoxide — which constitutes the basic building block of the chemical industry and converted into a wide range of downstream products.

Between 2022 and 2026,

CIL is also planning to invest another ₹25,000 crore to build six other coal gasification projects with cumulative capacity of 6 MT.

CIL said that since imports from Gulf countries are likely to pose price challenges for products from these units, some support from the government will be required to make these projects feasible. Long-term contracts from oil and gas marketing companies for assured offtake of the products will be helpful, experts pointed.

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■ CIL to Invest Over ₹1.22L cr by 2023-24 on Exploration & Clean Tech: Coal Minister

NEW DELHI State-owned CIL will pump in over ₹1.22 lakh crore on projects related to coal evacuation, exploration and clean coal technologies by 2023-24, to achieve 1 billion tonnes of fuel output target, Coal minister Pralhad Joshi said on Tuesday. Out of the proposed spend of over ₹1.22 lakh crore, Coal India (CIL) has planned to invest ₹32,696 crore on coal evacuation, ₹25,117 crore on mine infrastructure and ₹29,461 crore on project development by 2023-24, the minister said while addressing a stakeholders' meet organised by the PSU through video conferencing. He added that CIL will invest ₹32,199 on diversification and clean coal technologies.

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Coal India logs growth in supplies, output in August

NEW DELHI: Coal India Limited (CIL) shrugging off the Covid constricted growth and monsoonal downpour came back strongly in August, 2020 logging 9.3 per cent growth in coal off-take and 7.1 per cent growth in coal output compared to August a year ago. For the first time in the ongoing fiscal, CIL has clocked growth in both the facets. Over burden removal (OBR) registered a growth of 37 per cent during August, while composite OC production, which is the sum total of the OBR uncovered and coal produced through opencast mines, witnessed 30 per cent growth against same month year ago.

"The growth slowdown is contained and going forward in the ensuing months of the fiscal we endeavour to maintain our production and off-take tempo" said a senior official of the company.

CIL as whole supplied 44.34 MTs of coal to different consuming sectors during the referred month against

40.57 MTs in August, 2019 with a growth of 9.3 per cent. Increased supplies in volume terms during the month was 3.77 MTs. Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) clocked a robust 40.4 per cent growth followed by 10.4 per cent growth by Bharat Coking Coal Limited and South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) 7.6 per cent.

Showing signs of improvement, despatch of coal and coal products to power sector including special forward e-auction grew by 2 per cent in August, 2020. Despatch to power sector was 34.20 MTs in the current year's August against 33.47 MTs same month last year. Supplies to Non-Power Sector during August 2020 witnessed a growth of 43 per cent. CIL despatched 10.14 MTs to its non-power consumers in this year's August against 7.10 MTs same month year ago. Increase in absolute term for the month was 3.04 MTs.

Coal production at 37.17 MTs during August'20 was up by 2.47 MTs compared to 34.70

MTs same month year ago, the growth being 7.1 per cent, even amidst heavy rainfall in some of CIL's producing companies.

MCL recorded a remarkable 45.6 per cent coal output growth despite having received 41 per cent more rainfall in August'20 than a year ago month. NCL registered 7.6 per cent production growth. Since the beginning of the monsoon from, 1st June till end August'20, MCL was beleaguered by 45 per cent of increased rainfall compared to same period last year.

CIL's OBR, which in the previous months has been growing sharply, surged ahead by 37 per cent growth in August'20 compared to August'19. CIL has excavated 81.94 Million Cubic Metres (M.CuM) during the referred month against 59.79 M.CuM in August '19. All of the CIL's subsidiaries recorded growth in excavating OBR with MCL clocking a whopping 115 per cent growth followed by NCL 52 per cent and WCL 40 per cent. **MP051**

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CIL's coal offtake up 9.3% in Aug

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Kolkata: Shrugging off the Covid-constricted growth and monsoon downpour, Coal India (CIL) came back strongly in August logging a 9.3% growth in coal off-take and 7.1% growth in coal output compared to the year-ago month. For the first time in the ongoing fiscal, CIL has clocked growth in both the areas.

Its over burden removal (OBR) registered a growth of 37% this August, while composite OC production, which is the sum total of the OBR uncovered and coal produced via opencast mines, witnessed 30% growth against same month a year ago.

"The growth slowdown is contained and going forward, in the ensuing months of the fiscal, we endeavour to maintain our production and off-take tempo," said a senior Coal India official.

CIL supplied 44.3 million tonne coal to different consuming sectors during the month against 40.5 MT in the year-ago period with a growth of 9.3%.

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Coal India Ltd to have automatic coal loading capacity in 49 mines by 2024

KOLKATA: Coal India Limited (CIL) is implementing a Rs 15,000 crore project for mechanised transportation and automatic loading of dry fuel in 49 major mines, an official said on Thursday.

Altogether 650 million tonne of coal will be transported and loaded without manual intervention after the project is completed by 2024, the official said. The miner seeks to reduce manual intervention to overcome the perennial problems of overloading and underloading of coal when it is supplied to consumers.

The project, which will also help stem pollution, is complete in two mines and construction work is going on in seven oth-

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ers, the official said.

"The tendering process would be completed for 26 mines by this month and the project would be implemented in those mines by 2022-23.

"Coal India has identified another 14 mines where the project would be tendered out by the January-March quarter

of the current fiscal. The project would be completed by 2024, he said.

The total estimated loading capacity after implementation of the project in these 49 mines would be around 650 million tonne. CIL has set a production target of one billion tonne by 2023-24.

The new project involves setting up coal handling plants with mechanised transport systems through piped conveyor belts replacing existing road movement of dry fuel.

Piped conveyor belt transportation is a covered system for movement of coal and thus it promotes environment safety and prevents possible coal pilferage.

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India's target to gasify 100 million tons of coal by 2030 will entail an investment of over Rs 4 lakh crore

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