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CIL to jack up stock at power plants

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Calcutta: Coal India plans to boost stock at thermal power plants to over 45 million tonnes (mt) from 20mt by March.

The decision follows the coal stock crisis at thermal power plants in September that prompted the Centre to intervene by forming an inter-ministerial committee comprising the coal, power and environment secretaries and the chairman of the Railway Board to review the situation and take corrective action and ensure adequate supply to power plants.

Union power minister R.K. Singh informed the Lok Sabha earlier this month that revised stocking norms have been mandated by the Central Electricity Authority whereby pit-head stations have to maintain a stock of 17 days and non-pit head stations a stock of 26 days from February to June every year.

Coal India on Thursday said the stock enhancement to 45 mt at thermal power plants by the end of the fiscal is based on a projection where the average coal fired power generation of previous five years — from December to March — was considered and increased by 7 per cent.

On top of the current stock of 20mt, an additional 25mt coal stock is required to meet the requisite demand.

Coal secretary Anil Kumar Jain has held a workshop with senior officials of Coal India and its subsidiaries and underscored the importance of shoring up coal stocks at power plants with indigenous coal.

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CIL to raise coal stock at thermal power plants to 45 million tonnes

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STATE-OWNED CIL on Thursday said, it has drawn up plans to boost coal stock at thermal power plants to over 45 million tonnes (MT) from its own sources by the end of the ongoing fiscal. Coal India Ltd (CIL) is aiming for the highest-ever closing stock at power plants, the PSU said in a statement.

"The previous high was 45 MT in 2020," it said. In a workshop held on December 11 in Kolkata with senior officials of CIL and its subsidiaries, Coal Secretary Anil Kumar Jain underscored the importance of shoring up coal stocks at power plants with indigenous coal where CIL is to take lead role.

The intent is to maintain steady supply of coal to power plants during summer and monsoon months to avoid disproportionate demand-despatch scenario. The focus is also to reduce coal imports in substitutable category.



Coal stock enhancement to 45 MT at thermal power plants by the fiscal end is based on a projection where the average coal fired power generation of previous five years, from December to March, was considered and increased by 7 per cent.

Volume of coal required to meet this generation and additional stock build-up was then worked out. With current indigenous coal stock of around 20 MT at power plants (December 14), major portion bolstered by CIL, the company is focused on lift-

ing its component to 25 MT by the end of the current month. Gradually, the stock would be scaled up to 45 MT by March-end. Though coal sale outstanding dues from state and central power gencos stepped down till November-end, the dues are still substantial especially from state generators. This creates liquidity crunch in some of CIL's subsidiaries like WCL, ECL and BCCL which require large capex push.

Despite this, CIL prioritised supplies to power plants to satisfy their increased appetite for coal on the back of the recent spike in demand.

CIL's current despatch trend indicates record high supply to power sector by the closure of the fiscal, overtaking 491 MT of FY'19. CIL's despatches to power plants peaked to a record 340 MT progressive ending November, posting 23 per cent growth with volume increase of 62.6 MT, on a year-on-year comparison.

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Coal India's outstanding receivables down 19.5%

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Coal India Ltd managed to cut down its outstanding receivables to 120 bln rupees as at November-end from 149 bln rupees as on Sep 30, because of recoveries from the power sector, a company official said.

It utilised part of the money it received to write off past dues of the power generating companies and is giving priority of coal supplies to those companies that are making upfront payment, the official said.

A significant portion of the recoveries was made from Maharashtra State Power Generation Co Ltd, Madhya Pradesh Power Generation Co Ltd, West Bengal Power Development, Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corp,

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CIL to boost coal stock at power plants

Kolkata: Coal India (CIL) under the guidance of ministry of coal has chalked out plans to boost coal stock at thermal power plants to over 45 million tonne (MT) by the end of the ongoing fiscal, from its own sources.

The Maharatna PSU is aiming for the highest ever closing stock at power plants. The previous high was 45 MT in 2020. In a workshop held on December 11 in Kolkata with senior officials of CIL and its subsidiaries, coal secretary Anil Kumar Jain underscored the importance of shoring up coal stocks at power plants with indigenous coal where CIL is to take the lead role.

“The intent is to maintain a steady supply of coal to power plants during summer and monsoon months to avoid a skewed demand-despatch scenario. The focus is also to reduce coal imports in the substitutable category. Coal stock enhancement to 45 MT at thermal power plants by the fiscal end,” a CIL official said. TNN

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CIL to bolster supply to power sector, ramp up production by 8%

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Coal India Ltd (CIL) is looking to ramp up production by over eight per cent to 220-225 million tonne (mt) in Q4 FY22 during the fourth quarter of this fiscal, as against a production of 203 mt in the same period last year. The increased production will help bolster coal stock at power plants to over 45 mt by March 2022.

The total coal stock at power plants has improved to 22.2 mt as on December 14 against a total stock of 7.37 mt as on October 14 this year, as per the Central Electricity Authority website. Recently, the shortage of coal at thermal plants had triggered fear of massive power outages.

According to a senior company official, a major portion of this (22.2 mt) has come from Coal India and the company is focused on lifting this to 25 mt by December-end. CIL also has pithead stock of close to 31 mt.

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monsoon to avoid a disproportionate demand-despatch scenario, and reduce coal imports in the substitutable category.

Indigenous coal

At a recent workshop, Anil Kumar Jain, Coal Secretary, underscored the importance of shoring up coal stocks at power plants with indigenous coal.

"CIL, under the guidance of the Ministry of Coal, has drawn up plans to boost coal stock at thermal power plants to over 45 mt by the end of the ongoing fiscal, from its own sources. CIL is aiming for the highest ever closing stock at power plants," he said.

The 45 mt target is based on a projection arrived at by considering average coal-fired power generation of the previous five years from December to March and increasing it by seven per cent. The volume of coal required to meet this generation and additional stock build up was then worked out.

Outstanding dues

Although outstanding dues of coal sale from State and central power gencos came down by November end, they are still substantial, especially from State generators. This creates liquidity crunch in some of CIL's subsidiaries which require large capex push, the company said.

However, CIL's despatches to coal based power plants rose by 62.6 mt to 340 mt during April-November 2021, from 277.4 mt for the comparable period last year. Even when measured against pre-pandemic April-November 2019, growth in power generation from CIL's coal has been 16 per cent.