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'Coal PSUs will take alternative transport route in large mines'

COAL AND MINES Minister Pralhad Joshi on Monday said public sector coal companies, including state-owned CIL, will adopt alternative transport methods, including mechanised conveyor systems, computerised loading onto railway rakes, among others, for movement of coal in large mines, replacing road transport. The minister said first-mile connectivity will promote ease of living in coal mine areas by reducing traffic congestion, road accidents and adverse impact on environment. —PTI

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‘यंत्रीकृत व्यवस्था से होगी कोयला ढुलाई’

नयी दिल्ली: कोयला और खान मंत्री प्रह्लाद जोशी ने कहा कि कोल इंडिया समेत सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कोयला कंपनियां बड़े खदानों से कोयले की ढुलाई के लिये सड़क मार्ग से ढुलाई के बजाय वैकल्पिक परिवहन के तरीके अपनाएंगी। इसमें मशीनीकृत कनवेयर प्रणाली, मालगाड़ियों में कंप्यूटरीकृत तरीके से लदान समेत अन्य उपाय शामिल हैं। खान के मुहाने से परिवहन स्थल तक पहुंचाने की परियोजनाओं पर कोयला एवं खान मंत्रालय की परामर्श समिति की बैठक की अध्यक्षता करने के बाद मंत्री ने कहा कि इस परियोजना से कोयला खदान क्षेत्रों में यातायात जाम, सड़क हादसे और पर्यावरण पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव में कमी आएगी और सुगमता बढ़ेगी।

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Commercial mining won't unsettle us: Coal India chief

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Coal India Ltd (CIL), which had registered a laggard growth in both production and offtake during the beginning of this fiscal, has been witnessing a pick-up in the growth momentum since August-September. The company is hopeful of surpassing last year's production of 602 million tonnes (mt). Pramod Agrawal, Chairman and Managing Director, CIL, said the opening up of the coal sector to commercial mining will not unsettle CIL's role. Excerpts:

CIL has been witnessing a rise in both coal production and off-take since the month of August-September. Do you think this momentum will sustain? Where do you see closing this year in terms of

production and off-take?

The growth momentum was sustained in October with 19 per cent and 25 per cent, respectively and the trend continued in November as well. We are optimistic of surpassing last year's production of 602 mt going by the way the economic activity is panning out. Our overburden removal (OBR) held on to the growth constancy since the beginning of the fiscal, ending November with a growth of 21 per cent. So, the coal seams are exposed and ready for extraction.

Supplies are dependent on demand upsurge. We have cre-

ated conducive conditions for our customers to lift increased coal, which did help in improved offtake. But the actual demand is determined by the market behaviour and if the demand is up we are confident of meeting it and close the year with more sales than year ago.

The demand from power sector still seems to be lacklustre and even in November a fair share of your demand came from the non-power sector. Is this good to offset the lower demand from power sector?

Power sector constitutes nearly 80 per cent of

our total offtake. Though non-power sector is showing healthy appetite with increased coal lifting, it would not be feasible for it to fill in the demand vacuum left by the power sector fully. After a 14 per cent spurt in October, power sector growth flattened again in November. But, we expect the demand from power sector to find its tempo soon.

What are your plans to boost sales?

We could achieve a 30-nt

volume increase in e-auction booking at 68.3 mt till November, by a perceptive plan of keeping reserve price close to zero during the first six months of the fiscal to boost sales.

Special spot auction for coal importers, introduced in October, saw a booking of five mt in two months. We shall offer increased quantum under auction schemes and there is a strong probability of our auction sales going over 100 mt during this fiscal. We are planning to enhance the non-power sector customer base through linkage auctions.

You had earlier commented that CIL is not likely to be impacted by opening up of the coal sector to private players for commercial mining. Can you please elaborate how?

Key issues that will help

us stay ahead of the competition are established infrastructure, streamlined operations, uniform coal quality, cost efficiency in production and reliable timely delivery of supplies.

We hold close to 53 per cent of the country's entire coal resource base of 329 billion tonnes. We also own high-grade mines with favourable stripping ratio that makes our coal cost highly competitive. Commercial mining will not unsettle CIL's role.

What is your plan to scale up production?

We have devised a transformative plan to engage Mine Developer cum Operators which will help in technology infusion and bring operational efficiency. As many as 15 greenfield projects have been identified for the purpose. We are also fast tracking procurement of higher capacity modernised equipment to ramp up our OC production.

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PRAMOD AGRAWAL
Chairman and Managing Director, CIL



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CIL plans to substitute 80–85 mt of imported coal this year

Coal India (CIL) is aiming at substituting imported dry fuel of 80–85 million tonne with more domestic supplies in the current fiscal, an official said on Thursday. The miner has asked power plants in the coastal areas to submit proposals for a gradual increase of its supplies to these units to reduce foreign exchange outgo, the Coal India official said.

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8.5 करोड़ टन आयातित कोयले का घरेलू विकल्प उपलब्ध करायेगी कोल इंडिया

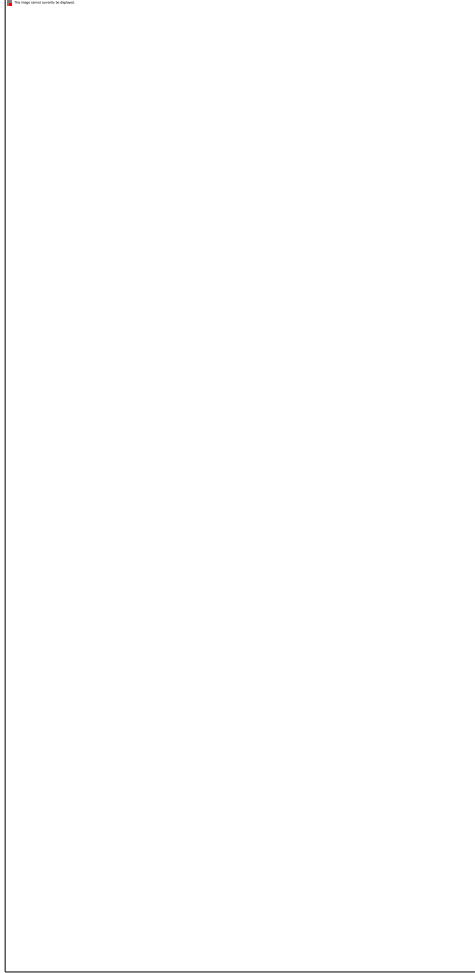
कोलकाता. सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कंपनी कोल इंडिया चालू वित्त वर्ष के दौरान आठ से साढ़े आठ करोड़ टन आयातित कोयले के बदले घरेलू आपूर्ति का विकल्प उपलब्ध करायेगी. इसके लिए वर्ष के दौरान कोल इंडिया कोयले की अधिक घरेलू आपूर्ति करेगी. कोल इंडिया के एक अधिकारी ने यह जानकारी देते हुए कहा कि कंपनी ने तटीय क्षेत्र के बिजली संयंत्रों से कोयला आपूर्ति को लेकर उनसे प्रस्ताव सौंपने को कहा है. संयंत्रों को आनेवाले महीनों में कोयला आपूर्ति में कितनी वृद्धि होनी है, इसके बारे में उनसे प्रस्ताव देने को कहा है, ताकि कोयला आयात पर खर्च होनेवाली विदेशी मुद्रा बचायी जा सके.

कोल इंडिया के विपणन

निदेशक एसएन तिवारी ने एक कार्यक्रम के दौरान कहा, 'इस साल हम आठ से साढ़े आठ करोड़ टन आयात किये जाने वाले कोयले के स्थान पर घरेलू आपूर्ति का विकल्प उपलब्ध करायेगे. हमने तटीय क्षेत्रों में स्थित बिजली संयंत्रों से कहा है कि वह आगे घरेलू आपूर्ति के लिए हमें और रेलवे को प्रस्ताव सौंपें.' अधिकारी ने कहा कि देश में 2019-20 में 24.80 करोड़ टन कोयला आयात किया गया. इस आयात पर देश से एक लाख करोड़ रुपये की विदेशी मुद्रा खर्च हुई.

आयात के मुकाबले घरेलू कोयला आपूर्ति को खरीदारों के लिए आकर्षक बनाने के लिए सरकार कोयले की गुणवत्ता और भाड़े के मामले में कुछ रियायतें देने पर भी विचार कर सकती है.

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CIL CMD Pramod Agrawal hails services of coal warriors



■ Business Bureau

PRAMOD Agrawal, CMD of Coal India Limited (CIL) on Sunday appreciated the working and performance of Western Coalfield Limited (WCL).

Agrawal attended WCL's function 'Shramev Jayate' organised to felicitate outstanding coal warriors. Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, CMD of WCL and Manoj Kumar, DTO, Dr Renu Agrawal, Chairperson of Coal India Officers Wives Samiti, Anita Mishra,

Chairperson of Zankar Mahila Mandal, senior officers, and members of Samiti were prominently present on the occasion. Agrawal shed light on the performance of the team WCL.

There were discussions about team WCL which worked out of box. Team WCL has contributed in the growth of the company.

He appealed to the team WCL to follow safety measures during the work. Team WCL has shown courage in giving relief during the COVID-19 lockdown,

he said. He also inaugurated the 'No Hour Mine' app.

Earlier, he took review of the progress in the meeting with managing directors. Rajiv Ranjan Mishra explained in detail about the progress of the company with power point presentation. Manoj Kumar, Director Technical, Ajit Kumar Choudhary, Director (Technical Planning), RP Shukla, Director (Finance), Amit Kumar Shrivastava, Chief Vigilance Officer, Amar, Regional Director of CMPDI, Tarun Kumar Shrivastava, MD (Corporate Affairs) and others were present.

Pramod Agrawal paid glowing tributes at Shahid Smarak. He inspected Gondagaon opencast mine and inaugurated the sand processing plant. He also inaugurated Coal Museum in Eco Park and visited RO Bottling Plant at Patansawangi.

