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CIL's output moderates to keep pace with demand

COALINDIA HAS moderated its production in April keeping in mind the demand and fire hazard threats at mine pitheads and power plant stockyards in summer months, an official said on Monday. In the first 11 days of April, the average daily production stood at 1.3 million tonne as against 2.7 MT for the month of March, the official said.

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CIL Cuts Production as Power Demand Dips 30% in Lockdown

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Our Bureau

Kolkata: Power consumption fell 30% on account of the lockdown across the country, forcing Coal India to cut production. Given that industrial demand too has shrunk, the company will focus on removing more topsoil at mines to help ramp up output when demand rises.

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India executive said.

Coal quality deteriorates when stacked at yards and is prone to fire when stocked for long, leading to heavy losses.

Daily average coal production has fallen to 1.3 million tonnes from 2.7 million tonnes last month, while daily overburden removal has increased to 3.75 cubic metres now from 3.66 million cubic meters in the last few days. In March, growth in overburden removal was 2.1% from the previous corresponding period a year ago. In April, this has spiked to 5.5%.

This has arrested accumulation of stocks, and the process will continue, the executive said.

Coal India is supplying fuel to power plants despite payment default as the government wants to help customers tide over the financial crisis triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic and the resultant lockdown. It has given several other concessions to customers and has offered coal to power plants that import the fuel.

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CIL to Auction 60% Stock by May

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Kolkata: Coal India plans to auction 60% of its inventory by May to liquidate stocks that touched a record 75 million tonnes in March.

The company has decided to reduce floor price for bidding, from 20%-30% above notified price, to the notified prices and bulk of the offer would be for auctions allowing consumers to lift booked quantities over several months.

The lockdown has hit coal demand as manufacturing and power generation has slowed down. Coal India executives said demand outlook is not promising for at least the first half of this fiscal.

Coal India is also expecting increased competition from imports as global coal

prices have started to soften. Coal auctions are expected to help prevent the market from being swayed away towards import segment due to a possible drop in global prices.

Coal India has advised subsidiaries to prepare e-auction schedules to offer 60% of their opening stock in the first two months of 2020-21, with thrust on long-term offers like special forward and exclusive e-auction schemes, both by rail and road modes. The company wants subsidiaries to immediately take steps for the auction so that accumulated stocks do not come in the way of achieving production targets. Coal India will allow supplying the booked quantities on rakes. It will also extend the time limit for payment and acceptance of deferred payment letter of credit.

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Coal India Seeks Lower Rly Freight

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Kolkata: Coal India Limited (CIL) has asked the government to lower railway freight rates for coastal and southern regions to make its fuel viable and encourage importers to switch to domestic supply. The lockdown has reduced demand for coal, leaving the company with 75 million tonnes of stocks that it wants to reduce.

The state-owned miner also sought use of railways instead of waterways to transport coal. Due to high freight rates, coastal plants use a mix of waterways and trucks or import the fuel.

NTPC uses waterways to transport coal from Mahanadi Coalfields and Eastern Coalfields to Tamil Nadu because the cost of rail transport is high. A CIL executive said the government is considering the proposal, which will help plants that do not have the minimum stipulated fuel stock. There are a dozen such plants in southern India, to which the company can supply if rail freight rates are reduced.

Most customers of Central Coalfields have suspended operations as their products are not in the list of essentials. This has drastically cut demand, said a company executive.

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सरकार का चालू वित्त वर्ष 2020-21 में कोल इंडिया (सीआइएल) के 71 करोड़ टन कोल उत्पादन के लक्ष्य में कटौती का कोई इरादा नहीं है. हालांकि, कोरोना वायरस से लागू लॉकडाउन के चलते बिजली की मांग में काफी कमी आयी है. देश में कोयले का पर्याप्त भंडार है. एक अधिकारी ने कहा कि कोल इंडिया के चालू वित्त वर्ष के उत्पादन लक्ष्य में कटौती की योजना नहीं है. कोल इंडिया को चालू वित्त वर्ष में 71 करोड़ टन कोल प्रोडक्शन का लक्ष्य दिया है. 31 मार्च तक कोल इंडिया की खान के पास भंडार 7.4 करोड़ टन था, जो अब तक का सर्वकालिक उच्चतर है. पर्याप्त भंडार और पावर सेक्टर की कमजोर मांग के बाद भी कोल इंडिया कोयले का उत्पादन

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बिजली कंपनियों के लिए राहत पैकेज की घोषणा जल्द

केंद्रीय कैबिनेट 'लॉकडाउन' (बंद) से घटा झेल रही बिजली वितरण कंपनियों (डिस्कॉम) के लिए अगले हफ्ते पैकेज को मंजूरी दे सकता है. सूत्रों ने कहा कि इस पैकेज से बिजली उत्पादन कंपनियों (जेनको) को डिस्कॉम के बकाया के पेमेंट के लिए वैकल्पिक निवेश कोष बनाया जा सकता है. लॉकडाउन से बिजली की मांग काफी घटी है. इससे बिजली वितरण कंपनियों को बड़ा नुकसान हो रहा है. इस कोष से डिस्कॉम पर बिजली प्रोडक्शन कंपनियों के बकाया का पेमेंट किया जा सकता है. इसके लिए बिजली वितरण कंपनियों को मामूली ब्याज और प्रशासनिक खर्च देना होगा. पैकेज के तहत राज्य और केंद्रीय बिजली नियामकों को बिजली का शुल्क घटाने का भी निर्देश दिया जा सकता है.

जारी रखेगी, क्योंकि सरकार का मानना है कि आने वाले दिनों में गर्मी बढ़ने के साथ कोयले की मांग बढ़ेगी. इसके अलावा मानसून में कोयले के उत्पादन में कमी आती है. ऐसे में इस समय कोयले का अधिकतम

उत्पादन करना अच्छा होगा. एक अन्य सूत्र ने कहा कि पावर सेक्टर से कोयले की अधिक मांग नहीं है, क्योंकि उनके पास पहले से 28 दिन का भंडार है. ऐसे में कोल इंडिया कोयले की सप्लाई को सीमेंट और

स्पॉन्ज आयरन जैसे क्षेत्रों को ट्रांसफर करने की तैयारी कर रही है. कोयला मंत्री प्रह्लाद जोशी ने हाल में राज्यों से कहा था कि वे कोयले का आयात करने के बजाय इसकी खरीद कोल इंडिया से करें.

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Coal India logo spreads awareness

Kolkata: Coal India Ltd, the world's largest miner, has taken a step ahead in spreading awareness about wearing masks amid the COVID-19 pandemic by concealing half of its corporate logo on social media pages with a graphical mask. The Kolkata-headquartered company, which changed its profile picture on Facebook and Twitter with the logo sporting a symbolic mask, said corporates need to play an important role in making people aware through responsible communication. The coal major has distributed 8,11,716 face masks to employees and people living in and around its areas of operation in eight states.



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No plans to scale down Coal India's FY21 production target

NEW DELHI: The government has no plans to scale down Coal India's output target of 710 million tonnes (MT) for the ongoing fiscal even though the country has more than enough stock of the dry fuel amid subdued power demand due to the coronavirus lockdown, an official said. "There are no plans to revise downwards the output target of Coal India (CIL) for the ongoing fiscal. Coal India has been given the target to produce 710 MT of coal," the official said on condition of anonymity.

