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POWER SHORTAGES

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REUTERS
New Delhi, May 28

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MINISTRY DIRECTIVE

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A coal mine in Birbhum, West Bengal. Power plants have been warned of cuts to the supply of mined coal if they don't build up inventories through imports. *File*

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Coal mining case: ED makes third arrest

INDO ASIAN NEWS SERVICE
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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday said it has arrested a person in connection with a money laundering case pertaining to illegal coal mining in West Bengal.

This is the third arrest in the case.

Earlier, two police officials of West Bengal Police department were placed under arrest and a chargesheet was filed against them in 2021.

A senior ED official said the accused Gurupada Maji was placed under arrest as per section 19(1) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

The ED produced Maji at Rouse Avenue Court on Friday. The court sent him to seven-day custodial remand.

The official added that Maji had acquired 13 shell companies with the help of the above Kolkata-based CA.

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कोल इंडिया सात साल बाद करेगी आयात

राज्यों की राय के बाद केंद्रीकृत आयात का फैसला

नई दिल्ली। दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी कोयला खनन कंपनी कोल इंडिया देश में बिजली संकट और कोयले की कमी को देखते हुए सात साल बाद विदेश से आयात करने जा रही है।

अटैल में कोयले की कमी के कारण हुए सात साल में सबसे सस्ता बिजली संकट को देखते हुए सरकार ने कोयले का पारंपरिक प्रतिस्पर्धा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए यह फैसला लिया है। इसके साथ ही राज्य सरकारों से आयात के लिए की गई प्रक्रिया स्थगित करने की कहा है। आठ मंथन



के 28 मई के एक पत्र में कहा गया है कि कोल इंडिया कोयला खनन कर सरकार से सरकार (पीएचएल) को होने वाली आयों के लिए परेन कोयले में इसे मिलवाएगी। इसे साबरी लप संघर्ष व स्थान बिजली उत्पादन को दिव्य जाएगा। एनडी

इसलिए किया फैसला

यह भी कहा गया है कि कोल इंडिया के जरिये कोयला आयात का फैसला इमेलिया लिया गया है क्योंकि तकरीबन सभी राज्यों की राय थी कि आयात-आयात कोयला आयात के ठीक विकासने से असमंजस के कारण पैदा होने। इसी कारण है कि केंद्रीकृत रूप से कोयला आयात किया जाए।

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— Reuters

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Coal India told to bridge import gap

OUR BUREAU & REUTERS

Calcutta: The Union power ministry has urged Coal India to import coal and the availability of power generating companies to source coal at high prices from the overseas markets.

A Reuters report quoted a power ministry letter dated May 28 — which stated Coal India would import coal to the blending on a government-to-government (G2G) basis and supply to the thermal power plants of state generators and independent power producers.

For Coal India, which has been stepping up its own production, there could be a possibility that the government as an emergency measure issues a presidential order on import.

It would be the first time since 2015 that Coal India has imported the fuel, highlighting efforts by state and federal officials to stock up to avoid a repeat of April, when India faced its worst power crisis in more than six years.

The power ministry earlier this month had observed that blending of imported coal to the extent of 10 per cent is not happening as was directed in April and stocks at power plants were continuing to dip.

As per data from the Central Electricity Authority, a total of 92 coal-based power plants including plants based on domestic coal and imported coal, were having a critical fuel stock as of May 26, 2022.

If the imported coal for blending does not arrive before June 15, generating companies will have to step up their import to the extent of 10 per cent blending in the re-

DOUBTS OVER COAL BLENDING PLAN

The problem: Rising electric demand but inadequate coal stocks generated a power crisis. More than 90 thermal power stations have critical fuel stock

Solution 1: Centre proposed mandatory 10 per cent blending of imported coal. Failure to meet target lead to stopper commitment

Impact: Power companies reluctant mostly because they were wary of the pass-through impact. How higher import prices will be passed through to power distributors with consequence for final consumers

Solution 2: Coal India has been asked to import PSU will facilitate government-to-government purchases, ensuring greater bargaining power. The purchased coal will be distributed to the generators

Concern areas: Coal India last imported coal in 2015. There are question marks surrounding its logistical capabilities to manage such large volumes

statement on Sunday said that a 10 per cent blending with imported coal was mandatory for private generators who bid for coal and sell power in the exchange.

The ministry has asked the Central Electricity Authority to compute the quantity of coal committed on the basis of mandatory blending of 10 per cent by weight for generation during the period June 15 to March 31, 2023.

Industry sources however remained skeptical to how Coal India — which does not have any core competence to handle the logistics of import — will successfully source coal from overseas market and at what price that imported coal will be offered to the power generating companies.

The power ministry said in the letter the decision was taken after nearly all states suggested that multiple coal import tenders by states would lead to a confusion and would centralised procurement through Coal India.

The power ministry has also asked states to suspend tenders that are "under process".

"It seems that the process do not want to take the hassle of importing coal and there are concerns over the pass through of the increased cost in power tariff," a source told **The Telegraph**.

The power ministry had earlier said that the mechanism for billing and payment for these plants shall be as per power purchase agreement. However, to enable prompt im-

porting coal with adequate cash flow, provisional billing shall be done on a weekly basis.

Payment of at least 10 per cent of the provisional bill shall be made by the procurers within a week from the date of receipt of bill and in case of default, the generating company shall be free to sell 10 per cent power in the power exchange.

India is expected to face a wider coal shortage during the third quarter of 2022 due to expectations of higher electricity demand, stoking fears of widespread power outages.

Coal inventories at power plants have declined by about 15 per cent since April to the lowest pre-crisis levels in years.

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CIL Set to Ease FSA Norms for Coal Import, Levy Fee

Ministry to issue FSA directive soon; Coal India seeks power cos' import requirement

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New Delhi: The coal ministry will issue a directive to Coal India (CIL) asking it to relax its norms under the provisions of fuel supply agreements (FSAs) to facilitate coal imports for power projects.

The state-run miner will supply imported coal on a cost-plus basis along with an administrative charge to be decided by its board of directors.

The fuel supply agreements approved by the Union Cabinet in 2013 provide that CIL can import coal to meet its contractual commitments. The company is at present able to meet 100% of the requirements and cannot import coal under the current rules.

The relaxation will allow CIL to import coal under present circumstances when the government is keen to build stocks before the monsoons when domestic mining slows. "With present stocks and production outlook, CIL is positioned to meet 100% of its FSA," a government official said. "In view of

Fuelling Up

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Coal companies have 60 million tonnes (mt) of coal at mines, while there is another 21 mt at power plants. Coal India has, in the past, imported through state agencies such as MMTC.

The power ministry has asked power plants to blend domestic coal with 10% imported coal to meet a fuel crunch following a sudden rise in power demand due to an intense and early summer. A sharp rise in international coal prices has dampened imports, raising demand for domestic coal.

IMPORT NEEDS

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The power ministry had three days ago shot off letters to power generating companies informing them that Coal India would import coal for blending on a government-to-government basis and supply to thermal plants along with the domestic coal plants on composite billing.

The generation companies have been asked to provide their imported coal requirement for the remaining FY23 by Tuesday.

On April 28, the power ministry had asked all power plants to import 10% of the coal they need to build stocks amid projections of record power demand.

Last week, the power ministry invoked an emergency clause to allow compensation to 32 Gw domestic coal-based power projects for higher costs due to the blending of imported coal with domestic coal till March next year.

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UNDER FUEL SUPPLY AGREEMENT PROVISIONS...

CIL set to Ease Coal Import Limits, but Will Charge More

Ministry directive soon; Coal India asks power cos to clarify their import requirement

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New Delhi: The coal ministry will issue a directive to Coal India to relax norms under the provisions of fuel supply agreements (FSAs) to import coal for power generating units but the miner will levy administrative charges further raising the costs.

Coal India also held meetings on Monday with power project developers seeking clarity on the requirement of imported coal.

The FSAs allow the company to import on a cost-plus basis including all charges like freight and other statutory levies along with an administrative charge, to be decided by its board of directors. The FSAs, approved by the Union Cabinet in 2013, provide for CIL to import to meet up to 80% of its commitment.

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Coal loading to power houses up 28% YoY: Rlys



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कोल इंडिया के पूर्व अधिकारी ने 12वीं मंजिल से कूदकर जान दी

जनसत्ता संवाददाता
नॉटर नोएडा, 30 मई।

धाना बिसरख क्षेत्र में स्थित एक सोसाइटी में कोल इंडिया के पूर्व अधिकारी ने फ्लैट की बालकनी से कूदकर जान दे दी। घटना रविवार रात की है।

सूचना पर पहुंची पुलिस ने रात को पोस्टमार्टम के लिए भेज दिया है। पुलिस जांच में बता चल रहा है कि पूर्व अधिकारी कई बीमारी से पीड़ित थे। वहीं, धाना टादरी क्षेत्र के म्यू वन स्थित एक सोसाइटी में मानसिक तनाव के चलते एक युवक ने पंखे से फंदा

लगाकर आत्महत्या कर ली। रेट्रोल नोएडा एटीसीपी इलाखारन गोविंदराजु के मृतकिक धाना बिसरख क्षेत्र के एपेक्स गोलफ एपेन्सु सोसाइटी लखनलाल (82) रहते थे। वह कई बीमारियों से ग्रसित थे। वह कोल इंडिया से सेवानिवृत्त थे।

रविवार रात वह सोसाइटी की 12वीं मंजिल के फ्लैट की बालकनी में पहुंचे और वहां से छलांग लगा दी। आत्मसास के लक्ष्यों सूचना पुलिस को दी। पुलिस ने बताया कि मृतक के साथ उनका बेटा और बहू रहते थे। बेटा सोए है।

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Coal India supplying in excess of power plants' need to build stocks



AGENCIES
Kolkata

Coal India Ltd has started supplying coal to power plants in excess of their requirement to help them augment a flagging inventory for the monsoon season.

In May, Coal India dispatched 1.69 mln tn of coal per day to power plants against the Central Electricity Authority of India's mandate to supply 1.65 mln tn per day. The excess supply was designed to help power

plants augment their coal inventory which currently is at an appalling average of eight days against 22 days mandated by the power ministry.

This led to an increase of 16,000 tn per day in the coal inventory of power plants in May, the Maharatna company said in a statement today.

Coal India could increase the daily dispatches owing to 30% on-year growth in production to 54.7 mln tn in May.

Power plants need around 2.75 mln tn of coal per day on an average, according to the Central Electricity Authority of India. As on May 31, power plants had coal stocks of 23.3 mln tn, and Coal India 50.2 mln tn at its mines.

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Coal India production at 108 MT in Apr-May

State-owned CIL, on Wednesday said it produced 108.2 million tonne of coal in the first two months of the ongoing fiscal year, registering year-on-year increase of 28.8 per cent. The company had produced 84 million tonne (MT) of coal in April-May last fiscal year. Coal India Ltd (CIL) said in a filing to BSE. The company's output in May increased to 54.7 MT from 42.1 MT in the corresponding month of previous fiscal year, the filing said. "Accelerating its production, CIL posted a strong 30 per cent output growth in May'22. The increase in volume terms was 12.8 MT," the PSU said in another filing. Facing a production target of 700 MT for 2022-23, which entailed 12.4 per cent growth rate at the beginning of the fiscal year, CIL brought down the year's adding growth rate to 8.9 per cent by the end of last month. "Admittedly, sustaining the level of growth witnessed so far, throughout the year, is difficult but we will be monitoring the progress month by month to augment the output," said a senior official of the company.



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CIL supply beats demand

A STAFF REPORTER

Calcutta: Coal India on Wednesday said its average despatch to the thermal power plants at 1.69 million tonnes (mt) per day in May has been more than the average demand of 1.65 million tonnes per day from the generating companies.

Total coal supply to the power plants was 52.4 mt in May with a year-on-year growth of nearly 18 per cent over May 2021. In the first two months of the ongoing fiscal — April and May — the total supply to power plants was 102.2 mt, a 16.7 per cent jump a year ago.

Coal India said in a state-

OUTPUT WATCH

April-May (in million tonnes)

	2021	2022
Production	64	106.2
Offtake	109.2	118.7

ment that it is facing a production target of 700 mt in 2022-23, which entails a growth of 12.4 per cent.

With the production picking up, the required growth rate for the year has been brought down to 9.9 per cent by the end of May.

However, sustaining the growth rate in the coming months may pose a challenge for the public sector miner.

"Admittedly, sustaining the level of growth witnessed so far, throughout the year, is difficult but we will be monitoring the progress month by month to augment the output," said a senior official of the company.

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Govt asks CIL to be ready to import 12 mn tonnes of coal

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— Priyank Shah

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केल इंडिया का अब हरित खनन विकल्पों के आगमन पर जोर : चेयरमैन

नई दिल्ली। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कोयला कंपनी कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड (सीआईएल) अब हरित खनन विकल्पों का लक्ष्य लेकर चल रही है और प्रौद्योगिकी की मदद से भूमिगत खदानों से कोयला उत्पादन बढ़ाने पर जोर दे रही है। सीआईएल के चेयरमैन प्रमोद अग्रवाल ने कहा कि स्वच्छ पर्यावरण के लिए अनुकूल माने जाने वाली भूमिगत खदानों से उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए नई प्रौद्योगिकी के इस्तेमाल पर कंपनी का ध्यान है। इसके अलावा कोयले के पर्यावरणानुकूल परिवहन के लिए कंपनी देशभर में 35 कोयला भंडारण केंद्र विकसित करने में भी लगी हुई है। सीआईएल को यह टिपणी ऐसे समय आई है जब कोयले एवं अन्य जीवाश्म ईंधनों के जलने से वैश्विक जलवायु परिवर्तन को लेकर चिंताएं गहरी हैं। जीवाश्म ईंधनों के इस्तेमाल से ग्रीनहाउस गैसों का उत्सर्जन होता है।

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Coal India aims green mining options: Head

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Coal India begins process to open 20 closed mines to private players

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE Coal India Limited (CIL), a Maharatna company, has begun the process to make available its closed underground mines to private players for operations through allocation under the Mine Developer-cum-Operator contract and profit sharing model.

The CIL will ask for bids for 20 of its mines that were closed down for security and commercial reasons. They were earlier operated by CIL's various subsidiaries, including the Chhattisgarh-based South Eastern Coalfield Limited (SECL). There are 293 such closed mines of CIL located in seven states.

The decision to engage the private players in mining operations was taken to ease the coal shortage that eventually affected power production and created a major crisis across the country.

Since April, the SECL alone has increased its daily production by 1.25 lakh tonnes, to mitigate the coal crisis.

"The available coal reserves in the closed mines are of good grade. The discontinued mines are barely 6-12 years-old and the eligible private firms can



conveniently restart the excavation. Such an initiative will help in a big way to enhance the availability of coal and reduce its import," said Sanish Chandra, SECL spokesperson.

The SECL has identified four mines which, according to the Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited under the Coal Ministry, will yield at least 31 million tonnes high quality non-coking coal. There are similar coal reserves in other subsidiary companies.

The process of allotting the mines through a tender would be completed by August 6, officials said.

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■ CIL has 7 subsidiary companies in 8 states

■ CIL operates 345 coal mines — 151 underground, 172 open cast and 22 both

■ CIL has 293 closed mines under it

■ CIL will allocate 20 closed coal mines to pvt players: 4 of the mines are under SECL, 5 under BCCL, 2 under CCL, 5 under WCL and 4 under ECL

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CIL floats maiden import tender for 2.4 mt of coal

SHREYA JAI
New Delhi, 9 June

For the first time ever, Coal India (CIL) has issued a tender for purchasing imported coal for power generating companies (gencons) in the wake of the Centre directing it to meet the shortfall in the domestic coal supply chain.

CIL has called for bids to supply 2.4 million tonnes (mt) of coal to be delivered for the July to September 2022 period. The estimated value of the contract is ₹3,100 crore, CIL said in the tender document.

The imported coal would be supplied to state government-owned gencons and independent power producers (IPPs), 1.2 mt each. The IPPs include Sembcorp Energy, JP Power, Avantha Power, Lanco, Rattan India, GMR, CESC, Vedanta Power, Jindal India Thermal, among others. The states that will receive imported coal for their generating stations are Punjab, Gujarat, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, and Madhya Pradesh.

Last month, the power ministry directed CIL to import coal for state and private gencons. This came two weeks after state and private gencons were told to import coal for 10 per cent blending, but were later asked to keep their

STATE GENCONS

	In mt
West Bengal	0.55
Madhya Pradesh	0.20
Gujarat	0.18
Tamil Nadu	0.13
Jharkhand	0.08
Punjab	0.06

Source: CIL import coal tender



PRIVATE FIRMS

	In mt
GMR	0.189
Jayprakash Power	0.128
CESC	0.130
Sembcorp	0.100
Vedanta	0.125
Nalcha Power	0.125
Jindal India	0.105
ADB India	0.096
Avantha Power	0.088
Adhunik Power	0.063
Sai Vardha	0.044
Rattan India	0.030
Lanco Amarkantak	0.024

tenders 'in abeyance'. Several states expressed reluctance to import coal and asked for CIL to arrange the dry fuel from global markets.

But as against the estimated demand of 38-40 mt from state and private gencons for blending, the total demand received by the CIL is 2.4 mt. CIL executives said for the upcoming season, only this quantity would be imported, as this is the final and only demand that has come to it.

In a statement, CIL said, after the price discovery, it would immediately execute a contract with the successful bidder for supply of coal. "Then the state-owned coal miner shall enter into

a back to back agreement with state gencons and IPPs to whom coal has to be supplied," it said.

Central government-owned NTPC is in the process of issuing tenders for 20 mt to meet its imported coal blending target. Business Standard recently reported that NTPC has awarded 6.25 mt of imported coal tender worth ₹8,300 crore to Adani Enterprises.

Due to the high cost of imported coal, power tariff from NTPC units is scheduled to go up by at least 50-70 paise. This will have to be borne by consumers. As far as state and private gencons are concerned, they will need

regulatory approval for transferring the additional cost of imported coal on to consumers. Invoking Section 11 of the Act again, the power ministry last week allowed state and private units to charge a compensation tariff in lieu of importing coal.

The coal ministry, on the other hand, has questioned the concerns over coal shortage in the coming months saying there is enough domestic stock available and it is up to power generators to stock up before the monsoon months. Senior coal ministry officials said there is a stock of 20 mt with power plants which is enough for nine days of operations.

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कोल इंडिया ने आयात के लिए निविदा जारी की

कोल इंडिया ने देश में बिजली संयंत्रों को ईंधन की पर्याप्त आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित करने के लिए 24.16 लाख टन कोयले का आयात करने के लिए पहली निविदा जारी की है। अप्रैल में जोवाशम ईंधन की कमी के कारण हुई बिजली कटौती को पुनरावृत्ति से बचने के लिए सरकार द्वारा कोयले का भंडार बनाने के प्रयास में यह कदम महत्वपूर्ण है। कंपनी ने कहा कि पहली बार कोल इंडिया ने बुधवार को अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रतिस्पर्धी बोली ई-निविदा जारी की, जिसमें 24.16 लाख टन कोयले के आयात के लिए बोलियां मंगी गईं।

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● TENDER TO BENEFIT 26 POWER PLANTS

CIL looks to import 2.4 mt coal

Import volume much lower than expected, may not result in any price advantage, analysts warn

INDRONIL ROYCHOWDHURY
Kolkata, June 9

STATE-RUN COAL INDIA (CIL) has floated an international e-tender for importing 2.416 million tonne (mt) of coal for 26 power plants, following the government's decision to rope in the mining behemoth as the centralised agency for importing coal.

The initial volume of imports, being much lower than expected, may not produce the economies of scale or any significant bargaining strength for the state-run coal miner, analysts say. By entrusting the task to import coal for blending by power plants with CIL, the government was aiming to curb the cost increase that imports would inevitably result in for power producers.

The imports were necessitated due to a paucity of the fuel in the domestic market, and depleting stocks with many power plants. According



to agency reports, the government had directed CIL to be prepared to import 12 mt of coal for power utilities over the next 13 months.

According to the initial plan, power producers, including plants run by state governments, themselves were to import coal, but the compliance with a power ministry directive in this regard has been low.

CIL hasn't imported coal for the last few years, as it focused on increasing production. At the same time, the government has been taking steps to populate the coal mining sector with more players, and attract global and domestic capital and technology in its

efforts to boost coal production.

After the power ministry wrote to all the power producers to indicate their coal requirement for blending, CIL received indents from seven state gencos and 19 independent power producers (IPPs) and decided on a short-term import for the July-September period of the current fiscal.

The states that have asked CIL for imports are Punjab, Gujarat, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh. "The imports would be source-agnostic," a CIL executive said.

Sources had told *FE* earlier that while CIL has received indents for importing 2.4 mt,

another 7 mt would be imported by states on their own as they have already started the process of tendering for the imported coal.

Apart from this, NTPC and DVC will also import around 23 mt of the dry fuel.

CIL's board on June 2 had decided to proceed with the issuance of two international tenders for sourcing coal from overseas, a short-term and a medium-term tender. CIL, within a week of receiving indents from the seven state gencos and 19 IPPs, for a total of 2.416 mt of coal, finalised and floated the tender.

So far the state gencos have been making their own imports for blending but the government's sudden decision to rope in CIL as a centralised importing agency is intended to bring in uniformity of coal's landed prices and quality.

This may cut down on the cost of overall imports, a coal ministry official said, though he agreed that the volume being imported for the short term is too low to achieve any economies of scale, and imports to be routed through nine eastern and western coastal ports might bring about pricing disparity from plant to plant.

While CIL didn't want to make any comment on the issue, there are fears that the move might bring about some additional financial burden on the company. "CIL doesn't have any expertise on import activities nor has it any experience of handling third-party logistics. Whether the procurement through CIL will sustain or not has to be seen," a former CIL chairman said, though he didn't want to be named.

The last date for the receipt of bids is June 29. There would be a pre-bid meeting on June 14 and a probable price discovery is likely to happen before the successful bidder is chosen for coal supplies. The state-owned coal miner shall enter into back-to-back agreements with state gencos and IPPs to whom coal has to be supplied.

The successful agency, selected through the bidding process, shall deliver coal at the doorstep of the power plants of state gencos and IPPs, CIL said.

However, the import supplies will not impact fuel supply agreements and power plants would continue to get coal as agreed in FSA with the committed trigger level.

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Coal India floats tender to import 2.416 MT of coal to meet demand

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NEW DELHI

With power demand surging along with rising mercury, Coal India has floated an international bidding tender, seeking bids for import of 2.416 million tonne of coal.

Coal India said that the coal is being sourced on behalf of the state power generating companies (gencos) and independent power plants (IPPs) based on the tenders received from them. The import would be for the July-September

period. There is a provision in the tender to accommodate a variation of above or below 30% of the bid quantity. The coal being sought is 5,000 GRR (gross as received) thermal grade coal, the company said in a statement.

The Centre had nominated Coal India as a centralized agency to augment coal supplies to state gencos and IPPs through import of coal, at a time when the demand for coal is high. The board of the public sector major on 2 June had given its nod for the company to proceed ahead with the issuance of two international tenders for sourcing coal from



The coal is being sourced on behalf of the state power generating companies and independent power plants.

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overseas, a short term and a medium-term tender.

The current short-term tender for import of coal, for Q2 of FY23, is source agnostic,

which means that the coal can be sourced from any country.

Though coal import is an uncharted terrain for CIL, within a week of receiving

tenders from the seven state gencos and 19 IPPs, for a total of 2.416 MT of coal, the company on a war footing has finalized and floated the tender. The last date for the receipt of bids is 29 June. There is an option of pre-bid meeting on 14 June to seek clarification on any nuances of the tender.

After the price discovery, CIL will execute a contract with the successful bidder. Then the state-owned coal miner shall enter into agreements with state gencos and IPPs to whom coal has to be supplied. The coal imported shall be routed through nine ports located in east and west

coasts of the country. The successful agency, selected through the bidding process, shall deliver coal at the door-step of the power plants of state gencos and IPPs.

The development comes on the back of the emphasis by the Union government on import of coal by state gencos for blending in a bid to ensure uninterrupted power supply in the country after the crisis situation faced in April-May.

The ministry had on 1 June directed power generation companies to start the process of coal imports by 3 June, failing which they would allocate only 70% of their

requirement of domestic coal.

On Tuesday, Union power minister R.K. Singh told reporters here that almost all states have started the process of importing coal. He said that coal stock scenario is improving in the country as the imports have started to flow in.

The coal tenders for coal imports come at a time when power demand is again on the upswing and the maximum power demand met has surpassed the 200 GW mark.

On June 8, the maximum power demand met hit record level of 209,809 GW. The peak shortage was 936 MW. ritung.bhaskar@mint.com

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AS HEATWAVE DIALS UP POWER DEMAND...

CIL Issues First Import Tender for 2.4 mt Coal

Power plants left with only nine days of fuel stockpile despite stepped-up mining

Our Bureau

New Delhi: Coal India Ltd (CIL) floated an international tender on Wednesday for the import of 2.4 million tonnes (mt) of coal to build up stocks as the country's power demand hit a record high amid extreme hot-weather conditions.

Thermal power plants have coal stocks for only nine days, despite CIL mining at accelerated rates.

"The all-India electricity demand met on 9th June 2022 touched a record 2,10,793 MW at 1500 hours," power mini-

ster RK Singh tweeted on Thursday. "This is an all-time high so far. On 8th June 2022, the all India energy consumption also clocked a record 4,712 million units." The peak deficit on Thursday was at 596 MW, while energy shortage was 22 million units.

The India Meteorological Department has said heatwave conditions will persist.

COAL SHORTAGE

Data from the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) showed 23.9 mt of coal with power plants, enough to last about nine days. Coal stocks have depleted quickly because of heavy consumption amid a sharp rise in demand for electricity due to the unusually early and hotter summer this year.

Meanwhile, imported coal-based plants shut operations because of a sharp rise in global prices, putting pressure on domestic coal-based plants. The government has

asked power plants to import 10% of their requirements. CIL has been nominated as the centralised agency to import coal on behalf of state generation companies and independent power producers (IPPs).

GLOBAL TENDERS

CIL's board, on June 2, gave its nod for the company to proceed with the issuance of two international tenders—one short-term and the second medium-term—for sourcing coal from overseas. The short-term tender is for the second quarter of FY23 and is source-agnostic, meaning the fuel can be imported from any country.

"Though coal import is an uncharted terrain for CIL, within a week of receiving indents from the seven state gencos and 19 IPPs, for a total of 2.416 MT of coal, the company, on a war footing, has finalised and floated the tender," it said in a statement.

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Coal India to import 2.416 mt coal

Tender floated on the basis of indents from seven State Gencos and 19 IPPs

SHOBHA ROY
Kolkata, June 9

To tide over a possible shortfall in availability of coal during the ensuing monsoon months, Coal India (CIL) has floated an international competitive bidding e-tender to import 2.416 million tonnes (mt) of coal.

The import would be for July-September period of the current fiscal, said a press statement issued by the company.

On war footing

Even though coal import is an uncharted terrain for CIL, within a week of receiving indents from the seven State power generating companies (Gencos) and 19 independent power plants (IPPs), for a total of 2.416 mt of coal, the public sector coal producer on a war footing has finalised and floated the tender.

This is to help cater to the mandatory blending requirement of State Gencos and IPPs. The central government had nominated CIL as a centralised agency to augment coal supplies to state gencos and IPPs through import of coal, at a time when the demand for coal is high.

Tender source agnostic

CIL's board had, on June 2, given its nod for the company to proceed ahead with the issuance of two international tenders for sourcing coal from overseas, a short-term and a medium-term tender. The current short-term tender for import of coal, for second quarter of the current fiscal, is

source agnostic. This means the coal can be sourced from any country.

The coal to be imported will be shipped to Punjab, Gujarat, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh. CIL would be charging a marginal facilitation charge for importing on behalf of Gencos, sources said.

Deadline for bids June 29

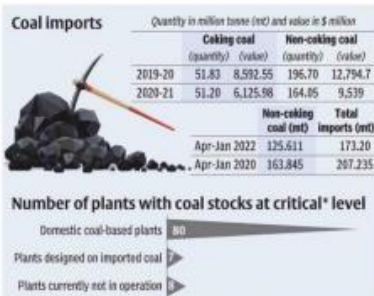
The last date for the receipt of bids is June 29. There is an option of pre-bid meeting on June 14 to seek clarification on any nuances of the tender.

After the price discovery, CIL will immediately execute a contract with the successful bidder for supply of coal. Then the state owned coal miner can enter into a back to back agreement with state Gencos and IPPs to whom coal has to be supplied.

The mandate of 10 per cent blending of imported coal would lead to hike in generation cost from 80 paise per unit to 110 paise per unit which will be passed on to consumers, said Shalendra Dubey, Chairman of All India Power Engineers Federation.

Small volumes

According to Ritabrata Ghosh, Assistant Vice President, ICRA, imports of around 2 mt may be a good starting point given that not many players have been resorting to imports due



to the large price difference between domestic and imported coal. However, the volume is too small and may not be able to move the needle much.

"Imported coal is two-to-three times more expensive as compared to domestic coal on a GCV adjusted basis. So though government

gave a mandate of 10 per cent blending, not many people went ahead with imports. This 2.4 mt imports could well be a starting point," Ghosh told *BusinessLine*.

Adequacy of imports

However, whether the imports will help meet the anticipated shortfall in supplies is something that needs to be seen. Typically, the first half of a financial year, the supplies are always catching up with demand. During summers the demand is very high due

to the intense heat and Coal India typically draws down on its stocks. During the ensuing monsoon months production usually drops. The intense heat wave during the last one-to-two months, the lower stock at CIL pithead and thermal power plants at the beginning of the year has only compounded the problem.

Saved by pithead stock

The cumulative total stock at CIL pithead and thermal power plants was at 84.2 mt in end March 2022, as against 127.9 mt in end March 2021. "Last year the system was close to breaking point but we managed due to the high pithead stock at Coal India. This year, the opening stock is relatively lower so the next three-to-four months will be very crucial," he said.

As many as 95 plants are having critical stock (stocks below 25 per cent of normative coal stock) as on June 7, 2022, as against 21 plants last year, as per data available on the National Power Portal.

The current short-term tender for import of coal, for second quarter of the current fiscal, is source agnostic - which means the coal can be sourced from any country.

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CIL FLOATS MAIDEN TENDER TO IMPORT COAL FOR POWER UNITS

New Delhi, June 9: State-owned CIL on Thursday said that it has floated its maiden tender to import 2.416 million tonnes of coal to ensure adequate supply of the fuel to power plants in the country. The development assumes significance in the wake of the government making all-out efforts to build up coal stocks to avoid the recurrence of power outages which happened in April on account of a shortage of the fossil fuel.

"In a first ever, Coal India Limited (CIL) on Wednesday floated an international competitive bidding e-tender, seeking bids for import of 2.416 million tonnes of coal," the company said in a statement.

The coal being sourced on behalf of the state generating companies (gen-cos) and independent power plants (IPPs) is based on the indents received from them.

It is for the July-September period of the current fiscal year, the statement said.

Though coal import is an uncharted terrain for CIL, within a week of receiving indents from the seven state gen-cos and 19 IPPs, for a total of 2.416 mt of coal, the company on a war footing has finalised and floated the tender.

The current short-term tender for import of the dry fuel for the second quarter of the ongoing financial year is source agnostic. This means the coal can be sourced from any country.

The Centre had nominated the maharatna firm as a centralised agency to increase coal supplies to state gen-cos and IPPs through import of dry-fuel at a time when the demand for coal is high.

The company's board had last week given its go-ahead for the public sector unit to proceed ahead with the issuance of two international tenders—a short-term and a medium-term—for sourcing coal.

The last date for the receipt of bids is June 29.

—PTI

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CIL floats maiden tender to import 2.416 MT coal for power sector

NEW DELHI, JUNE 9 /—/ State-owned CIL on Thursday said that it has floated its maiden tender to import 2.416 million tonnes of coal to ensure adequate supply of the fuel to power plants in the country.

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"In a first ever, Coal India Limited (CIL) on Wednesday floated an international competitive bidding e-tender, seeking bids for import of 2.416 million tonnes (MTs) of coal," the company said in a statement.

The coal being sourced on behalf of the state generating companies (gencos) and independent power plants (IPPs) is based on the tenders received from them.

It is for July-September period of the current fiscal year, the statement said.

Though coal import is an

uncharted terrain for CIL, within a week of receiving tenders from the seven state gencos and 19 IPPs, for a total of 2.416 MTs of coal, the company on a war footing has finalised and floated the tender.

The current short-term tender for import of dry fuel for the second quarter of the ongoing financial year is source agnostic. This means the coal can be sourced from any country.

The Centre had nominated the maharatna firm as a centralised agency to increase coal supplies to state gencos and IPPs through import of dry-fuel at a time when the demand for coal is high.

The company's board had last week given its go-ahead for the public sector unit to proceed ahead with the issuance of two international tenders – a

short-term and a medium-term – for sourcing coal from overseas.

The last date for the receipt of bids is June 25. There is an option of pre-bid meeting on June 14 to



seek clarification on any nuances of the tender, CIL said.

After the price discovery, CIL will immediately execute a contract with the successful bidder for supply of coal. Then the state-owned coal miner will enter into a back-to-back pact with state gencos and IPPs to whom coal has to be supplied.

The coal imported will be routed through nine

ports located in east and west coasts of the country.

The successful agency, selected through the bidding process, will deliver coal at the doorstep of the power plants of state gencos and IPPs.

The government had earlier directed CIL to be prepared to import 12 million tonnes of coal for power utilities for the next 13 months.

On May 18, the ministry of power had warned that if orders for coal imports are not placed by May 31 and the imported fuel does not start arriving at power plants by June 15, the defaulter gencos will have to increase their imports to the extent of 15 per cent.

Further, if blending with domestic coal is not started by June 15 then the domestic allocation of the concerned defaulter's

thermal power plants will be further reduced by five per cent, the ministry had said in a letter to state governments and power generation companies, including IPPs.

In April, coal secretary A K Jain had attributed the low coal stocks at power plants to several factors such as heightened power demand due to the boom in the economy post-COVID-19, early onset of summer, rise in the price of gas and imported coal, and sharp fall in electricity generation by coastal thermal power plants. In April, several parts of the country witnessed power outages on account of coal shortage. He had said a lot of measures are already underway to enhance the total power supply in the country.

Gas-based power generation, which has fallen drastically in the country, has aggravated the crisis, he had said. Coal India, which accounts for more than 80 per cent of domestic coal output, is one of the major suppliers of the fossil fuel to the power sector. (PTI)

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CIL floats maiden tender to import 2.416 mn tonnes coal

NEW DELHI: State-owned CIL on Thursday said that it has floated its maiden tender to import 2.416 million tonnes of coal to ensure adequate supply of the fuel to power plants in the country.

The development assumes significance in the wake of the government making all efforts to build up stock of coal to avoid the reoccurrence of power outages which happened in April on account of shortage of the fossil fuel.

"In a first ever, Coal India Limited (CIL) on Wednesday floated an international competitive bidding e-tender, seeking

bids for import of 2.416 million tonnes (MTs) of coal," the company said in a statement.

The coal being sourced on behalf of the state generating companies (gencos) and independent power plants (IPPs) is based on the indents received from them.

It is for July-September period of the current fiscal year, the statement said.

Though coal import is an uncharted terrain for CIL, within a week of receiving indents from the seven state gencos and 19 IPPs, for a total of 2.416 MTs of coal, the company on a war footing has finalised

and floated the tender.

The current short-term tender for import of dry fuel for the second quarter of the ongoing financial year is source agnostic. This means the coal can be sourced from any country.

The Centre had nominated the maharatna firm as a centralised agency to increase coal supplies to state gencos and IPPs through import of dry-fuel at a time when the demand for coal is high.

The company's board had last week given its go-ahead for the public sector unit to proceed ahead with the issuance of two international tenders — a short-

term and a medium-term — for sourcing coal from overseas.

The last date for the receipt of bids is June 29. There is an option of pre-bid meeting on June 14 to seek clarification on any nuances of the tender, CIL said.

After the price discovery, CIL will immediately execute a contract with the successful bidder for supply of coal. Then the state-owned coal miner will enter into a back-to-back pact with state gencos and IPPs to whom coal has to be supplied.

The coal imported will be routed through nine ports located in east and west coasts

of the country.

The successful agency, selected through the bidding process, will deliver coal at the doorstep of the power plants of state gencos and IPPs. The government had earlier directed CIL to be prepared to import 12 million tonnes of coal for power utilities for the next 13 months.

On May 18, the ministry of power had warned that if orders for coal imports are not placed by May 31 and the imported fuel does not start arriving at power plants by June 15, the defaulter gencos will have to increase their imports to the extent of 15 per cent. 79

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POWER SHORTAGE CIL floats maiden tender to import 2.4 MT coal

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New Delhi

State-owned CIL, on Thursday said that it has floated its maiden tender to import 2.416 million tonnes of coal to ensure adequate supply of the fuel to power plants in the country.

The development assumes significance in the wake of the government making all efforts to build up stock of coal to avoid the reoccurrence of power outages which happened in April on account of shortage of the fossil fuel.

"In a first ever, Coal India Limited (CIL) on Wednesday floated an international competitive bidding e-tender, seeking bids for import of 2.416 million tonnes (MTs) of coal," the company said in a statement.

The coal being sourced on behalf of the state generat-



ing companies (gencos) and independent power plants (IPPs) is based on the tenders received from them.

It is for July-September period of the current fiscal year, the statement said.

Though coal import is an uncharted terrain for CIL, within a week of receiving tenders from the seven state gencos and 19 IPPs, for a total of 2.416 MTs of coal, the company on a war footing has finalised and floated the tender. The current short-term tender for import of dry fuel for the second quarter of the ongoing financial year is source agnostic.

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CIL floats tender to import 2.41 MT of coal

Govt had nominated CIL as centralised agency to augment coal supplies to state gencos and IPPs through import

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

AMID reports of coal shortage in the country, Coal India Limited (CIL) has floated an international tender to import 2.416 million tonnes (MTs) of the fuel on behalf of the state generating companies (gencos) and independent power plants (IPPs).

This is the first time India's largest coal producer issued a tender to import coal.

"In a first ever effort, Coal India Limited (CIL) on Wednesday floated an international competitive bidding e-tender,

seeking bids for import of 2.416 million tonnes (MTs) of coal," said the company in a statement on Thursday.

CIL will source coal on behalf of the state generating companies (gencos) and independent power plants (IPPs) based on the indents received from them. It is for the July-September period of the current fiscal year. "There is a provision in the tender to accommodate a variation of above or below 10% of the bid quantity. The coal being sought is 5600 GAR (gross as received) thermal grade coal.



As the coal shortage continues to impact the thermal power plants, the power ministry asked the state gencos to import coal for blending purposes. The ministry, in its order on

CIL to source coal on behalf of gencos, IPPs

CIL will source coal on behalf of the state generating companies (gencos) and independent power plants (IPPs) based on the indents received from them. This is the first time CIL issued a tender to import coal.

May 18, 2022, also warned the power generators if orders for coal imports are not placed by May 31, 2022, the defaulter gencos will have to increase their imports to the extent of 15%.

Also if blending with domestic coal does not start by June 15, the domestic allocation of the concerned defaulters' thermal power plants will be further reduced by 5%.

The government had nominated CIL as a centralised agency to augment coal supplies to state gencos and IPPs through import of coal. CIL in its Board meeting held on June 2 had given its nod for the company to proceed ahead with the issuance of two international tenders for sourcing coal from overseas, a short-term and a medium-term tender.

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CIL floats maiden tender to import 2.416 MT coal for power sector

New Delhi: State-owned CIL on Thursday said that it has floated its maiden tender to import 2.416 million tonnes of coal to ensure adequate supply of the fuel to power plants in the country.

The development assumes significance in the wake of the government making all efforts to build up stock of coal to avoid the re-occurrence of power outages which happened in April on account of shortage of the fossil fuel.

"In a first ever, Coal India Limited (CIL) on Wednesday floated an international competitive bidding e-tender, seeking bids for import of 2.416 million tonnes (MTs) of coal," the company said in a statement.

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period of the current fiscal year, the statement said.

Though coal import is an uncharted terrain for CIL, within a week of receiving indents from the seven state gencos and 19 IPPs, for a total of 2.416 MTs of coal, the company on a war footing has finalised and floated the tender.

The current short-term tender for import of dry fuel for the second quarter of the ongoing financial year is source agnostic. This means the coal can be sourced from any country. The Centre had nominated the maharatna firm as a centralised agency to increase coal supplies to state gencos and IPPs through import of dry-fuel at a time when the demand for coal is high.

The company's board had last week given its go-ahead for the public sector unit to proceed ahead with the issuance of two international tenders -- a short-term and a medium-

term -- for sourcing coal from overseas. The last date for the receipt of bids is June 29. There is an option of pre-bid meeting on June 14 to seek clarification on any nuances of the tender, CIL said.

After the price discovery, CIL will immediately execute a contract with the successful bidder for supply of coal. Then the state owned coal miner will enter into a back-to-back pact with state gencos and IPPs to whom coal has to be supplied.

The coal imported will be routed through nine ports located in east and west coasts of the country.

The successful agency, selected through the bidding process, will deliver coal at the doorstep of the power plants of state gencos and IPPs.

The government had earlier directed CIL to be prepared to import 12 million tonnes of coal for power utilities for the next 13 months. **PTI**

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Coal India floats import tender

ASTAFFREPORTER

Calcutta: Coal India on Thursday said it has received indents (orders) to import coal from seven state power generating companies and 19 independent power producers for a total of 2.416 million tonnes (mt) — prompting the miner to float an international tender.

The public sector company said the import is on behalf of the state gencons and IPPs for the July-September period of the current financial year. Gencons from Punjab, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, and Jharkhand have placed their indents in the first round.

From Bengal, both CESC and WBPDC have jumped the bandwagon amid the central government mandate.

The coal import tender comes at a time the power ministry has issued directives to coal-based power plants to import coal to the extent of 10 per cent of their requirement for blending purposes.

The government has nominated Coal India as the centralised agency to facilitate the import.

Accordingly, Coal India's

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■ Orders received from 7 state power generators and 19 private producers

■ CIL gets orders for 2.4mt. PSU floats tender

■ CESC and WBPDC want to use imported coal

■ Imported coal to come at 9 ports located in east and west coasts

board on June 2, 2022, approved the issuance of two international tenders for the sourcing coal from overseas — a short-term tender and a medium-term tender. The first short-term tender, which was floated on Wednesday, is source agnostic. This means that coal can be sourced from any country.

The last date for receiving bids is June 29. Coal India said that after the price discovery, it will execute the contract with the successful bidder for the supply of coal.

The miner would then enter into a back-to-back agreement with the state gen-

cos and IPPs to whom the coal has to be supplied.

The imported coal will be routed through nine ports located on the east and west coasts and the successful agency selected through the bidding process will deliver coal at the doorsteps of state gencons and the IPPs.

Coal India further said there was a provision in the tender to accommodate a variation of above or below 30 per cent of the bid quantity.

Some generating companies had initially showed reluctance to import coal for blending because of a lack of clarity on compensation on account of blending with imported coal.

However, the union power ministry said that to enable adequate cash flows for the gencons importing coal, the provisional billing will be done weekly.

The procurers which are typically distribution companies will have to pay at least 15 per cent of the provisional bill within a week from the date of receipt of the bill.

In case of default, gencons can sell 15 per cent power to the exchanges.

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In a 1st, CIL to import coal as power demand soars to record high

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New Delhi: Coal India Ltd (CIL) on Thursday invited bids for importing coal for the first time with the aim of helping generation companies build up fuel inventories for the rainy season, even as India's peak power demand shot past 210 gigawatts (GW) at 3 pm to smash the previous record of 209.8 GW hit a day earlier.

Reflecting the rising demand, energy consumption — or units of power consumed — also clocked a historic 4,712 million units (MU) on and gross generation across the country stood reached highest ever at 4,824 MU on Tuesday as a result of the government's efforts to ensure 24x7 affordable power for all, power minister RK Singh tweeted.

The steady rise in demand, sustained by continued heat wave due a break in the monsoon and expanding economic

activities, amid low coal stocks at a majority of power plants indicate the resilience in the fuel supply chain system in spite of logistical challenges. The increased availability of wind and hydro power is also helping ease pressure on railways for transporting coal.

CIL's tender for importing 2.4 million tonnes of coal in the July-September period is aimed at building inventories at seven state gencos and 19 independent power plants. The move follows the Centre ordering states and gencos to import coal for 10% blending with domestic supply. Subsequently, states suggested a single-point procurement to avoid unwanted competition that would have pushed up coal prices further. CIL was then given mandate.

CIL is seeking coal with gross calorific value of 5,000 kilo calorie, which will replace twice the volume of domestic coal.

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■ विशेष संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली
: बिजली उत्पादन के लिए कोयले की उपलब्धता की कच्ची स्थिति है, इसका अंदाजा इसी बात से लगाया जा सकता है कि कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड (सीआईएल) को पहली बार विदेशों से कोयले का आयात करना पड़ रहा है। कोल इंडिया ने देश में पौर प्लांट को कोयले की सप्लाई सुनिश्चित करने के लिए 24.16 लाख टन कोयले का आयात करने के लिए पहला टेंडर जारी किया है। कंपनी ने एक बयान में कहा, पहली बार कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड (सीआईएल) ने कुश्नार को ई-टेंडर जारी की, जिसमें 24.16 लाख टन कोयले के आयात के लिए बोलियां मांगी गई हैं। उत्पादन कंपनियों (जेनरेटर्स) और स्वतंत्र बिजली संयंत्रों (आईपीपी) की ओर से कोयले मांग जा रहा है, जो उनसे ब्राह्म मंग पर आधारित है।

