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# Green clearance given to 83 CIL projects: Govt

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### Power sector dues to Coal India up 10 per cent sequentially in June

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Power sector dues to State-run Coal India rose 10 per cent to ₹15,252.45 crore at the end of June 2022 from ₹13,825.20 crore in May.

During June, CII's coal production rose 29 per cent yearon-year to 51.56 million tonnes, while the cumulative output for April, May and June quarter was 159.75 mt, which is higher on an annual basis by 29 per cent.

With the country facing shortage of coal, largely on account of significant decline in imports and higher demand for electricity, coal off-take rose 15 per cent year-on-year to 58.98 mt, whereas during April-June, the total off-take

grew 10.7 per cent to 177.59 mt on an annual basis.

The despatch of coal from CIL also was higher by 26.5 per cent year-on-year at 51.09 mt last month. During April-June, the cumulative despatch of the dry fuel rose 19.2 per cent year-on-year to 152.49 mt. CIL's production in FY22 is the highest ever at 622.63 mt, an increase of 26.41 mt, 4.4 per cent, over the previous year's 596.22 mt.

#### Price unchanged

In December 2020, the price of imported coal (G8 grade) was around ₹4,200 per tonne, which rose to around ₹13,715 a tonne in April 2022. Against this, the price at which CIL is supplying coal is ₹1,475 tonne.

This price is constant from December 2020, till date, Coal Ministry said. CIL's average cost of production is ₹ 1,310.88 per tonne.

#### Dues declined in FY22

FY22 began with the power sector's dues declining 4 per cent to ₹ 20,837.62 crore at the end of April 2021 compared to March. During FY22, the dues declined consistently.

They fell to ₹16,028.41 crore at the end of September 2021 from the April 2021 numbers.

The dues at the end of October fell to  $\leq$ 14,598.58 crore after which they rose to  $\leq$  15,243.36 crore in November 2021.

They declined consistently during December 2021 ( 15,088.42 crore), January 2022 (

15,097.01 crore), February 2022 ( 15,037.32 crore) and March ( 12,272.41crore).

The lowest dues in the past several years were recorded at the end of March 2019 at ₹ 8.435.19 crore.

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## Green clearances to 83 projects of Coal India: Govt

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Green clearances have been accorded to 83 mining projects of state-owned Coal India Ltd in the last two years, Parliament was informed on Wednesday.

To ensure adequate supply of coal to various sectors, including power, the government has set a target of 1 billion tonnes coal production for Coal India Ltd (CIL).

"To achieve 1 BT (billion tonne) coal production by FY 2024-25, the progress made so far by Coal India Ltd. (CIL) from April 2020 to June 2022, (includes)... environmental clearance granted for 60 proposals with an incremental capacity of 104.86 Mty (million tonnes per year). Stage-I forest clear-



ance granted for nine proposals involving 934.96 Ha of forest land

"Stage-II forest clearance granted for 14 proposals involving 2580.68 Ha of forest land," Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi said in a reply to the Lok Sabha.

The minister further said that 53 project reports, including expansion projects, have been approved by Coal India and its arm for building additional production capacity of dry fuel.