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# Coal India to switch to mechanised transport for 14 more projects

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Coal India Ltd (CIL) has identified 14 additional projects for switching over to mechanised transport and loading at an estimated investment of ₹3,400 crore. The projects will be implemented under Phase II of its 'first-mile connectivity' (FMC) initiative.

The company has already invested close to ₹12,300 crore under Phase I of FMC to implement mechanised transport and loading at 35 of its coal projects across six subsidiaries, each having production capacity of 4 million tonnes (mt) per annum and above. Their combined project capacity is 406 mt per annum.

The move will help improve efficiency in coal transport and computer-aided loading.

"Four coal companies of CIL together will infuse a tentative capital of over ₹3,400 crore in these projects that have a total annual capacity of 100.5 million tonnes," said a press statement issued by CIL.

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Coalfields Ltd accounts for five with a capacity of 62.5 mt a year; Mahanadi Coalfields with a solitary project has 20 mt a year; Eastern Coalfields will have seven projects and South Eastern Coalfields will have one project with capacities of 14 mt a year and 4 mt a year respectively. Tenders for these different projects will be floated beginning August this year and during the next two years.

FMC is the transportation of coal from pitheads to despatch points. This move aims to replace the existing road transport between the two points and switch over to a seamless

mechanised coal transport through conveyor belts, a covered system for movement of coal that reduces dust pollution. It will also have the added benefit of computer-aided loading of railway wagons.

As a corollary, CIL will set up coal-handling plants with silos that have rapid loading systems, which will have benefits such as crushing, sizing of coal, as well as quicker and better quality coal loading with the advantage of precise pre-weighed quantity of coal being loaded.

Since coal will be loaded directly into the wagons from silos, it eliminates manual loading through payloaders, which is generally prone to overloading or under loading of wagons. The susceptibility of extraneous material being loaded through payloaders, leading to quality issues, is another concern.

Improved computer-aided loading time will bring down the wagon idling. The wagon cycle time will be reduced by a few hours, increasing wagon availability.

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## Coal India identifies 14 additional projects for 'first-mile connectivity', to invest over ₹3,400 cr

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COAL INDIA HAS identified 14 additional projects involving capital expenditure of more than ₹3,400 crore under the 'first-mile connectivity' initiative to upgrade transport facility at mines, the state-run miner said on Monday.

It is replacing road transport of coal from pitheads to despatch points with mechanised systems like conveyor belts to decrease the transportation time. It had announced 35 projects under the first phase of the initiative of which two are operational.

"Four coal companies of CIL (Coal India) together will infuse a tentative capital of over ₹3,400 crore in these projects that have a total of 100.5 million tonnes/year capacity," the company said in a statement.

Of the 14 projects in the phase II, Central Coalfields (CCL) accounts for five with 62.5 million tonnes per annum capacity.

Mahanadi Coalfields with a solitary project has 20 million tonnes per annum capacity. Eastern Coalfields has seven projects and South Eastern Coalfields has one project with a capacity of 14 million tonnes per annum and four million tonnes per annum, respec-



tively, the statement said.

Tenders for these different projects will be floated beginning August this year till next two years.

Coal India aims to replace the existing road transport between pitheads and despatch points and switch over to a seamless mechanised coal transport through conveyor belts which is a covered system for movement of coal reducing the dust pollution.

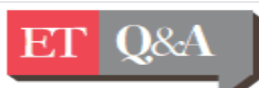
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Under Phase I, the coal miner had earlier zeroed in on 35 projects, each having four million tonnes per annum capacity and above, from six of its subsidiaries with a capital of ₹12,300 crore.

Their combined project capacity is 406 million tonnes per annum.

The 49 projects under both the phases will have a total of 506.5 million tonnes per annum capacity.

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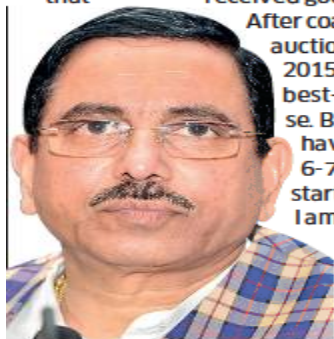
**PRALHAD JOSHI**  
MINISTER FOR COAL & MINES

# ‘No Question Of CIL Privatisation’

Commercial coal blocks have evinced a strong response, with many bidders having already bought tender documents, according to **Pralhad Joshi**, India's minister for coal and mines. In an interview with ET's **Sarita C Singh**, he said over the next five years, coal should be available unconditionally to power consumers, and Coal India will remain the largest player and its subsidiaries will not be listed. Edited excerpts:

**Since 2015, commercial coal auctions were delayed due to lack of demand. There are fears that companies might hold on to cash?**

For auctions, already 329 registrations have been made and 26 tender documents sold. Within a week, 10 companies have submitted that they want to visit the mines. We have chosen best of the blocks that received good interest.



After coal mines auction started in 2015, this is the best-ever response. Bidders will have minimum 6-7 months to start investments. I am confident that this tranche will go a long way.

**Jharkhand has moved the SC against the auctions. Will this impact bidding?**

In his letter to us, Jharkhand chief minister welcomed coal auctions, but he has apprehensions. I am trying to convince him. Major domestic and foreign players are expected to participate. We don't want them to feel Jharkhand is not safe.

**The power sector wants delinking of fuel supply pacts with power purchase agreements. What is your view?**

These are long-term contracts at a competitive price. But I wish that in next five years coal should be available at a very competitive price to everybody. But now this is not the stage. When you have good quality and quantity of coal, then this open markets system is fully accepted. When Coal India achieves 1 billion tonnes production, we can think of it.

**PSUs are being identified for privatisation. Will Coal India be one of them? Will its subsidiaries be listed?**

There is absolutely no question of Coal India's privatisation because it is in a very strategic sector. We are clear that CIL will be the dominant player and commercial mining is only a substitute to the shortfall. We will not be hiving off subsidiaries; we are very clear on this.

For full interview log on to [www.economictimes.com](http://www.economictimes.com)



**ट्रांसपोर्ट व लोडिंग व्यवस्था बेहतर करने की तैयारी**

# 15700 करोड़ रुपये का निवेश करेगी कोल इंडिया

- ❶ दूसरे चरण में कोल इंडिया ने 14 अतिरिक्त परियोजनाओं को किया चिह्नित
- ❷ पहले चरण में 35 परियोजनाओं पर खर्च किये जा रहे 12300 करोड़
- ❸ दूसरे चरण में 14 परियोजनाओं पर 3400 करोड़ का होगा निवेश

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कोल इंडिया ट्रांसपोर्ट व लोडिंग सेवा को बेहतर करने के लिए कुल 15700 करोड़ रुपये का निवेश करेगी। कोल इंडिया की ओर से जारी बयान के अनुसार, प्रथम चरण में कंपनी द्वारा 35 परियोजनाओं पर 12300 करोड़



खर्च किये जा रहे हैं। वहीं, दूसरे चरण में कंपनी ने खदानों पर परिवहन सुविधा बेहतर करने के तहत अंतिम छोड़ तक संपर्क सुविधा पहले के तहत 14 अतिरिक्त परियोजनाओं की पहचान की है, जिसके लिए 3,400 करोड़ रुपये निवेश किये जायेंगे।

सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कंपनी की खदानों के आसपास से कोयला उस स्थल तक सड़क मार्ग से पहुंचाने के बजाय 'कनवेयर बेल्ट' जैसी यंत्रीकृत प्रणाली

के उपयोग की योजना है, जहां से उसे आगे भेजा जाना है। इससे परिवहन में लगनेवाला समय कम होगा। कंपनी ने पहले चरण के तहत 35 परियोजनाओं की घोषणा की थी, जिसमें से दो परिचालन में आ गयी हैं।

कंपनी ने एक बयान में कहा : कोल इंडिया की चार कोयला कंपनियों ने संयुक्त रूप से इन परियोजनाओं में करीब 3,400 करोड़ रुपये निवेश करेगी। इन परियोजनाओं कुल सालाना

क्षमता 10.05 करोड़ टन है। दूसरे चरण के तहत कुल 14 परियोजनाओं में से सेंट्रल कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड 6.25 करोड़ टन सालाना क्षमता की पांच परियोजनाओं पर काम करेगी। बयान के अनुसार महानदी कोलफील्ड्स के पास दो करोड़ टन सालाना क्षमता की परियोजना है। वहीं, ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड की सात और साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड की एक परियोजना है, जिसकी क्षमता क्रमशः 1.4 करोड़ टन सालाना और 40 लाख टन सालाना है। इन परियोजनाओं के लिए निविदा इस साल अगस्त में जारी की जायेगी। कोल इंडिया का मकसद खदानों के आसपास से कोयला उस स्थल तक सड़क मार्ग से पहुंचाने के बजाय 'कनवेयर बेल्ट' जैसी यंत्रीकृत प्रणाली स्थापित करना है, जहां से उसे आगे भेजा जाना है। इससे परिवहन में लगनेवाला समय कम होगा और ढके होने से धूल के उड़ने से होनेवाला प्रदूषण भी कम होगा।

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### **Coal India has expressed confidence of taking lead in coal production**

Coal India Limited (CIL) expressed confidence of retaining its flagship position as the country's leading coal producer, notwithstanding the opening up of the coal sector to private players for commercial mining. The apprehension that the entry of private entrepreneurs in commercial coal mining operations may shrink Coal India's role, was allayed. A company executive had mentioned that Commercial mining complements their efforts in shoring up the country's indigenous coal output, but may not be viewed as competition to Coal India.

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### **BITES renews MoU with CIL for rail infra works**

BITES ON FRIDAY renewed a MoU with state-run Coal India for project management consultancy services of railway infrastructure business, and construction of rapid loading system, coal handling plants and silos. The MoU has been renewed for a period of five years.

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## CIL-NLC JV to pump in ₹12k cr for solar assets

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**COAL INDIA (CIL)** and **NLC India** will jointly develop solar power assets of 3,000 MW with a likely investment of around ₹12,000 crore, sources said on Saturday. The two state-run companies had on Friday said they would form a JV to develop 5,000 MW of solar and thermal power assets across the country.

“A solar JV is already in process of formation with an initial capital of ₹10 lakh. Once the company is formed, the respective company boards will decide the final contours of the project. At present, solar capex for each MW is around ₹4 crore,” they said.

The government plans to impose 20% basic customs duty on imported solar panels to boost the domestic industry, the sources said. Solar developers have been largely dependent on Chinese equipment.

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