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Coal supply intact: CIL's record output

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A CIL said that Mahanadi Coalfields and South Eastern Coalfields — two of the highest producing subsidiaries of the company who between them make up for around 50% of Coal India's entire production — contributed 0.93MT and 0.81MT respectively to this feat. "This 3.17 MT is the highest ever single day production so far," said an official of the company adding "in the remaining days of the month we aim to better this figure and increase further". In fact, the production could have been even higher but for a disturbance at Lingaraj of MCL.

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Coal India touches a new high in per day output making despatches an issue now

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At a time when COVID-19 has hit most industrial operations and companies are forced to cut down on production, public sector miner [Coal India](#) (CIL)'s three lakh-odd workers are escalating productivity, which down the line has put despatches on pressure.

The company has peaked a high off producing 3.17 million tonne on March 20 this year, the highest ever single-day production, overtaking 3.14 MT that it produced on March 25 last year. Coal stocks to the country's power stations rose to its highest at 39.48 MT, which gives an average inventory of 23 days to the power producing units.

problem of plenty has now cropped up. Power plants, which lift the fuel from CIL subsidiary Central Coalfields (CCL), are refusing to take coal since these plants have already created stock piles of more than 35 days. These plants are now trying regulate receipts of the fuel, for which they have stopped paying.

A CIL official said while the blow has been to the CCL, the highest-producing subsidiaries have been Mahanadi Coalfields (MCL) and South Eastern Coalfields Ltd (SECL), which contributed 0.93 MT and 0.81 MT, respectively, to its single day's highest production. These two subsidiaries make for above 50% of CIL's production and any disturbances in these two subsidiaries become a cause of worry to CIL's productivity.

However, despite disturbances at Lingaraj in MCL, the subsidiary has been upbeat in its production. A CIL official said the coronavirus didn't have an impact on the productivity of the company because the miners are working as usual with the prescribed precautionary measures. Miners do not have to gather while mining and they generally operate in large areas without coming in contact to each other.

So the healthy recovery in productivity, that started from October last year onwards following slump due to prolonged monsoons, continued and production reached a new high. Against 240.93 MT in the first half of FY20, the mining behemoth produced 276.65 MT between October and February.

February witnessed a robust growth of 14.2% compared to the same month a year ago period. Coal production was 66.26 MT, the highest ever monthly production against 58.05 MT during the same month, a year ago. Coal offtake rose to 54.97 MT during February this fiscal, against 51.46 mt during the corresponding month last fiscal.

CIL loaded 256 rakes per day on an average during February this fiscal compared with 250.3 rakes loaded during February last fiscal. But, this situation has not gone down very well with CIL. Power sector consumers in order to regulate coal receipt have started filing lesser or no rail movement at all which has started increasing the pit head stock positions of CIL. The challenge going forward is to liquidate the stock since CIL has already cleared the pending rakes to both the power and non-power consumers, an official said, adding while pit head stock has started piling up, the company was yet to find out the quantum of stock.

Coal India postpones year-end coal stock measurement amid COVID-19 spread

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Kolkata: Coal India NSE 1.44 % has postponed its annual stock measurement from April 1 to April 15, following advisory issued by the government and cancellation of train movement due to threat posed by outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Every year, the company engages an external agency to take stock of inventory at some 360-odd mines operated by its seven coal producing subsidiaries. The exercise is related to ascertaining annual accounts of the company.

This time, following spread of Coronavirus , the exercise will be completed on April 27. According to a notice issued by the company, physical stock measurement is to be completed within seven days, by April 22. Reports will have to be submitted to subsidiaries by April 25 and final report has to be submitted to Coal India by April 27.

Coal India is also working on the possibility of using drone to measure its inventory to accumulate data faster. The project was postponed as an initiative to stop leakages and strengthen the company's balance-sheet. Over-reporting in production has an inflationary effect on the company's earnings.

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CIL's production started a path of healthy recovery from October 2019 onward after a prolonged and severe monsoon impeded its production tempo. Against 240.93 MTs in the first half of the FY 2019-20 the company produced 276.85 MTs in the next five months from October 2019 to February 2020.

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Power, coal, renewable energy exempted from lockdown

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS exempted movement of personnel and equipment related to power generation and transmission from country-wide lockdown.

According to separate notifications released by the Union ministries of power and renewable energy, exemptions have been granted from "Section 144, nationwide lockdown, or any other such limitations" to enable requisite manpower and ensure uninterrupted operations of power generating stations and electricity transmission networks.

The coal ministry had issued a similar notification on March 23, but coal mining operations had faced interruptions in certain parts of the country even after that. To prevent such issues, the Ministry of Home Affairs on Wednesday issued an addendum to its earlier order on the lockdown under the Disaster Management Act, and clarified that coal mining and associated operations are exempted from such restrictions.



To benefit its non-power consumers, Coal India (CIL) has requested the railways to defer loading of rakes for non-power consumers without own unloading systems inside their plants. CIL has also extended the payment date for successful bidders buying through e-auctions. It is also said to be rescheduling e-auctions scheduled during the lockdown period.

All under-construction renewable energy projects will be allowed time extension considering the period of lockdown and the time required for remobilisation of workforce, Anand Kumar, secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) said on Twitter.

The MNRE, on March 20,

had announced that "delay on account of disruption of the supply chains due to spread of coronavirus in China or any other country" would be seen as a force majeure event. Project developers will not have to pay any penalty for missing commissioning deadlines, if they can prove that consignments got delayed by global restrictions in freight movements stemming from Covid-19.

"Restarting the supply chain for materials and mobilising manpower will be a time-consuming affair once the world gets back on its feet, and a blanket extension of 6 months for all under-construction renewable energy projects will go a long way in protecting the industry from the adverse impact of this pandemic," Sumant Sinha, CMD, ReNew Power, said.

Welcoming the exemption for solar plants, Puneet Goyal, co-founder of SunAlpha Energy, said, "These plants supply power even in situations where conventional power plants like coal and natural gas may not be able to operate due to logistics constraints."

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Lockdown: CIL relaxes payment terms, reschedule e-auctions

Kolkata, Mar 26 () To protect interests of its consumers, Coal India Ltd on Thursday said it has relaxed payment terms and directed the railways to defer loading of rakes for non-power buyers due to last-mile connectivity disruption following the nationwide lockdown.

The world's largest miner has also directed its subsidiary companies to extend the date for payment by successful bidders in e-auctions, in case it falls within the lockdown period.

"CIL is helping its non-power customers overcome last-mile connectivity issues they are facing due to the nationwide lockdown declared to contain the Covid-19 outbreak," a top Coal India official told .

CIL has requested Indian Railways to defer coal loading of rakes for non-power consumers who do not have their own unloading system inside their plants or have to unload rakes at other sidings.

"In the prevailing situation, many non-power consumers have approached CIL requesting deferring of loading of their allotted rakes," the official said.

The situation will be reviewed after the lockdown is withdrawn, he said.

The official said CIL is also changing the time of various e-auction schemes which were scheduled during the lockdown period.

The Centre has recently exempted coal and mineral production, transportation & activities incidental to mining operations under the Disaster Management Act and lockdown. BSMNN NN

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No downfall in coal output in India: CIL

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Kolkata: Maharatna coal behemoth Coal India (CIL) has claimed that there is no downfall in coal production in the country. Rather, CIL has recorded close to three million tonne (MT) output on Thursday, the second highest single-day production this fiscal, despite the constraints in the wake of coronavirus pandemic. The company has been averaging 2.56 MT production per day during the current month with supplies averaging 1.75 MT.

“Coal being the important primary fuel for the country there will be no let up in coal production,” said an official of the company.

Coal is an ‘essential service’ as recognised under the Emergency Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) 1981 and services engaged in coal industry being ‘public utility service’. The top brass of the Maharatna PSU is in contact with the ministry of coal and state administrations to synergise the efforts necessary to keep up with production and despatches. Materials necessary for production like explosives, spares, tyres, machine parts and other services are being procured on war-footing, it added. CIL has also assured that there is sufficient buffer with over 107 MT of coal stock available at CIL’s pitheads and thermal power stations of the country combined and there is no immediate cause of any coal shortage worry.

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Plea to ease coal traffic

A STAFF REPORTER

Calcutta: Coal India has sought relaxation from state governments in the movement of essential materials necessary to mine coal amid the countrywide lockdown.

Materials necessary for mining include explosives, spares, tyres, machine parts and other services. According to the miner, these are being procured on a war footing to keep the pace of production.

The request to the state governments comes on the back of a ministry of home affairs addendum on March 25 clarifying that coal mining and associated operations have been exempt from the nationwide lockdown.

According to Coal India officials, coal is an “essential service” as recognised under Emergency Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) 1981 and services engaged in the coal industry are categorised as “public utility”.

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CIL Extends Deadline for Supply Contract Document Submission

E-commerce co MSTC has pushed a long-term coal supply contract auction by over a month

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Kolkata: Coal India Limited (CIL) has extended the deadlines for submission of documents by success-

ful bidders for its recently concluded short-term supply contract auctions while state-run e-commerce company MSTC has postponed a long-term coal supply contract auction scheduled for Friday by more than one month.

As a result, coal supplies to bidders are expected to get delayed by at least a month.

Both the auctions are for supplies to the power sector. Bidding for the long-term auction was postponed to April 16 after the Centre asked every public sector unit to work with fewer people at offices.

"The decision to postpone the

long-term supply auction was taken prior to the declaration of the lockdown. We are keeping a close

watch on the situation and may push it back further if necessary," said SK Gupta, chairman, MSTC.

Early this month, CIL concluded a short-term supply contract auction, delivery for which was scheduled from June to August this year. It was for power

companies without any tied source of fuel and no power sale agreement. The state-run miner offered close to 6 million tonnes of coal, but a shade less than 2 million tonnes was booked.

Successful bidders have a deadline to submit documents, including some from official establishments and regulators which are working with skeletal staff.

Power sector executives said they had sought leniency in view of the circumstances, although they can deposit the security money as banks are operating. A senior CIL executive said the company had agreed

to the demand for more time. "We agreed to wait till the coronavirus issue subsides or at least till the lockdown period is over."

The short-term auction was scheduled to be held every three months and deliveries were planned to begin at the start of a quarter following the auctions.

"However, with the first such auctions getting delayed, we may push back the other auction schedules too accordingly. A final decision will be taken after completing necessary formalities for the first auction as and when it happens," said the executive.

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CIL seeks relaxation

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Coal India Continues Operations Despite COVID-19 Outbreak, Records About 3 MT Production on Thursday



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"Coal being the important primary fuel for the country there will be no let up in coal production" the company said, adding "we are mobilizing all our resources and will keep on resolving the issues and continue to produce, notwithstanding the adversities".

The statement said that the top brass of the Maharatna public sector undertaking is in contact with the Ministry of Coal and state administrations to synergise the efforts necessary to keep up with production and despatches.

Daily coordination meetings are being held with CMDs of subsidiary companies to monitor the production and upping the medical facilities.

Important materials necessary for production, like explosives, spares, tyres, machine parts and other services, are being procured on war footing, it said, adding authorities of different state administration have been contacted to grant relaxation for movement of these materials, essential for coal mining, from COVID-19 lockdown.

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"There is sufficient buffer with over 107 MTs of coal stock available in the system at CIL's pitheads and at thermal power stations of the country combined and there is no immediate cause of any coal shortage worry," it said.

The company said the well-being and safety of operational personnel is top priority and required medical facilities are being perked up with medical teams on high alert.

Quarantine measures are being put in place, should the need arise, the statement added.

Coal India accounts for over 80 per cent of the total domestic production.

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By PTI

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