

# Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy Takes Steps for Strengthening Energy Security Needs of Telangana

## 643 Ha of forest land accorded to SCCL

## Production from Naini Coal Mine to Commence Shortly

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Naini Coal mine in Odisha having production capacity of 10 Million Tonnes per year was allocated to Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) on 13.08.2015 for captive utilization of coal in thermal power plant of SCCL. This mine was facing abnormal delay in handing over forest land after receipt of Stage-II forest clearance in October 2022 which has delayed the operationalization of the mine.

After taking charge, the Union Minister of Coal and Mines Shri G Kishan Reddy has held extensive discussions with the Govt. of Odisha to resolve the long pending issue and operationalize the mine at the earliest in the spirit of cooperative federalism. As a result, approval for handing over of 643 Ha of forest land has been accorded to SCCL on 04.07.2024. Shri G Kishan Reddy specifically thanked the Odisha Chief Minister Shri Mohan Charan Manjhi for quickly resolving this issue.

It is expected that SCCL will commence the production from the mine shortly. This step will further strengthen and secure the energy security needs of Telangana.

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