

Ministry of Coal Reviews Status of 127 Captive/Commercial Coal Blocks

Coal Production Soars by 33% as Ministry Charts Path to Energy Security

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In a significant stride towards strengthening India's energy security and advancing the vision of Viksit Bharat, the Ministry of Coal conducted a comprehensive review of 127 coal blocks on 13th and 14th November 2024. The review meeting was chaired by Additional Secretary and Nominated Authority, Smt. Rupinder Brar. The review encompassed 64 producing coal blocks and 63 non-operational captive/commercial coal blocks which are in advanced stages of operationalization, spanning Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and West Bengal.



The review of 64 producing blocks showcased remarkable progress in India's journey towards Atmanirbhar Bharat in the energy sector. These blocks achieved an impressive production of 100.08 MT as of November 8th, 2024, marking a substantial 33.35% increase from the previous year. Demonstrating robust operational efficiency, the total dispatch reached 107.81 MT, recording a significant 34.38% year-on-year growth. This achievement underscores India's growing capability in managing its domestic coal resources efficiently, with 55 blocks already in production, one block commencing operations this year, and nine more poised to begin production in FY 2024-25.

During the crucial meeting, special emphasis was placed on strengthening the First Mile Connectivity, production optimization, and transportation infrastructure, aligning with the government's vision of modernizing the mining sector. Additional Secretary and Nominated Authority urged state government officials and allottees to accelerate the operationalization process, emphasizing its critical role in India's energy security framework.

The Ministry of Coal, as a key driver of India's energy independence, remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring reliable coal supply. This commitment is fundamental to powering India's ambitious journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047, as envisioned in the Viksit Bharat. Through strategic planning and

efficient execution, the Ministry continues to strengthen India's energy backbone, fostering sustainable economic growth and reinforcing the nation's path towards self-reliance in the energy sector.

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