

# Measures To Enhance Infrastructure for Coal Mines

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In respect of Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries; NLC India Limited (NLCIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), all the mines are equipped with adequate coal evacuation infrastructure capacity for mines operating, at present. However, in view of upcoming mines and increase in coal production in upcoming years, the following steps have been taken to develop infrastructure for coal industries:

- i. **Rail Infrastructure Projects:** 14 major Rail Projects are being constructed for evacuation of coal. This is a joint initiative of Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Railways. Out of 14 Rail Projects, six are being funded by Railways while four are on deposit basis by coal companies and four are being executed through SPVs formed by the Coal Companies, Railways and State Governments.
- ii. **First Mile Connectivity (FMC) projects:** 48 FMC projects are taken up under different stages of construction for efficient evacuation of coal from mines to siding through mechanized Coal Handling Plants (CHP)/SILO/Rapid Loading System (RLS) systems as part of providing better environment for the surroundings. Coal India Limited (CIL) has undertaken 44 First Mile Connectivity (FMC) projects from their own internal resources. In addition, Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has undertaken 3 FMC projects and NLC India Limited has undertaken 01 FMC project.

iii. **Road Works** are taken by Coal Companies from their internal resources for evacuation of coal. There is a sub-scheme namely, "Development of Transportation Infrastructure in Coalfield Areas (DTIC)" under Central Sector Scheme (CSS) of "Conservation, Safety and Infrastructural Development in Coal Mines" to give financial assistance for development of transportation infrastructure in coal fields. Under the sub-scheme of DTIC, total outlay for 5 years (i.e. from F.Y. 2021-22 to 2025-26) is Rs. 362.72 crores.

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