

# ANNUAL GRADE DECLARATION OF SEAMS OF COAL & LIGNITE MINES OF CENTRAL PUBLIC SECTOR, STATE GOVT AND PRIVATE SECTOR ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

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The demand for energy is consistently on the rise and coal plays a pivotal role in India's energy security & economy and remains the primary source of commercial energy in the country. It ensures a reliable and steady energy supply, crucial for sustaining industrial growth, powering urbanization.

The Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) a subordinate office of the Ministry of Coal, lay down the procedure and standard for sampling of coal, inspect the collieries to ensure the correctness of the class, grade of coal, issues directives for the purpose of declaration and maintenance of grades of coal of a seam mined in a colliery under Colliery Control Rules, 2004 (Amended in 2021). The availability of quality data of seams of Coal & Lignite mines of Central Public Sector, State Govt and Private is paramount for decision-making processes.

The Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO), having its field offices at Dhanbad, Ranchi, Bilaspur, Nagpur, Sambalpur, and Kothagudem had carried out the exercise of drawing the coal samples and its analysis from Coal & Lignite mines of Central Public Sector Units, State Govt and Private sector for the year 2024-25.

Annual sampling exercise was carried out in around 427 mines of CPSU (331), State Govt (69) and Private sector (27) respectively. To ensure the correctness of the grade, the samples drawn were analyzed in two different labs.

The process of declaration of annual grading of seams of mines as per laid down procedure has been completed. The declared grade of seams of all Coal & Lignite mines of Public Sector, State Govt and Private mines will be applicable with effect from 01.04.2024.

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