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Dear Sir,

At the outset, I would like to inform that I have taken over charge as Secretary, Ministry of Coal with effect from 21.10.2024. The core function of the Ministry being production and supply of coal, the cumulative Coal production till October 2024 stood at 537.4 Million Tonne (MT) as against 506.9 MT for the same period last year (a growth of 6.01% Y-O-Y). Further, the cumulative coal supply stood at 570.5 MT as against 541.8 MT for the same period last year (a growth of 5.29% Y-O-Y).

2. A significant development which I would like to bring to your notice is regarding the sustained supply to the Power Sector. As on 31.10.2024, the total coal stock at the Thermal Power Plant (TPP) end was 31.77 MT (30.15 MT being from domestic supply), against 19.26 MT during the same period last year with a massive growth of 64.95%.

3. Regarding the policy matters of the Ministry, which are pending for Inter-Ministerial consultation, I would like to highlight the following:

i. Draft Cabinet Note for revising SHAKTI (Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala Transparently in India) Policy for coal allocation to the Power Sector was circulated on 20.08.2024 for Inter-Ministerial Consultations. Comments of Ministry of Finance [Department of Economic Affairs, Department of Expenditure & Department of Financial Services] are awaited.

ii. Draft Cabinet Note on the proposal regarding criteria for mining of minerals (except precious metals, rare earths, atomic and strategic minerals), found along with coal/lignite from coal/lignite blocks was circulated by this Ministry for seeking comments of various Ministries/Departments vide OM dated 12.08.2024. The comments of Department of Expenditure are awaited.

iii. Draft Cabinet Note on the proposal for incentives to promote Underground mining has been circulated for Inter-Ministerial Consultation on 14.08.2024. Comments from Department of Expenditure & Department of Economic Affairs and Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises are awaited.

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iv. Besides the above, Draft Cabinet Note on the revised Jharia Master Plan for dealing with fire, subsidence and rehabilitation of affected families in Jharia Coalfields has been submitted on 22.07.2024, after incorporating certain changes.

4. I would take this opportunity to assure you of sustained growth in performance of the Sector, aligned with the policy priorities of the Government.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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