

Strengthening of Coal Supply Chain

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Following measures have been adopted to establish a resilient and cost-effective coal evacuation logistics system:

- i. **Coal Logistic Plan and Policy** was launched by Ministry of Coal in February, 2024 to enhance supply chain efficiency, reduce costs & promote sustainability.
- ii. **Development of First Mile Connectivity (FMC) Projects** to enhance the efficiency of coal evacuation from mines to dispatch points. These projects focus on developing mechanized coal loading infrastructure, such as conveyor belts, and crushers with minimal manual intervention to make the system more cost-effective.
- iii. **Improvement in Rail Infrastructure** to expand rail network to ensure smoother and faster evacuation of coal. iv. **Use of Rail Sea Rail Mode** as an alternate route to rail or road for coal evacuation especially for power plants and industries located near coastal regions to ease the coal transportation movement in the country.

39 First Mile Connectivity (FMC) projects with a total capacity of 386 million tons have been completed by coal companies.

During last two years, coal movement via Rail-sea-Rail route has increased from about 28 million tons in financial year 2021-22 to about 54 million tons in financial year 2023-24.

This information was given by Union Minister of Coal and Mines Shri G. Kishan Reddy in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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