



Dear Readers,

I am glad to hand over the Volume-IV, Year – 6 of AIACE Today in the hand of readers. Coal is vital to India's energy needs, supplying over half of the country's power. Despite renewable energy growth, coal-based thermal power will remain essential, with its share projected at 55% by 2030 and 27% by 2047. In the FY 2024- 24, our country made a spectacular performance for fulfilling the domestic need of coal. The total coal production stood at 1047.57 MT in comparison to 997.83 MT in 2023-24. Coal India led the coal production and achieved 781 MT followed by Singreni collieries which achieved more than 67 MT. Production from Commercial & Captive, and other entities also saw a remarkable surge, reaching 197.50 MT (Provisional)—a 28.11% increase from 154.16 MT recorded in the previous year.

Coal dispatch from all sources stood at 1024.99 MT (Provisional) in FY 2024-25 against 973.01 MT in FY 2023-24. The Coal imports fell 8.4% to 183.42 MT in April-December 2024 from 200.19 MT in the same period of FY 2023-24 due to initiatives like Commercial Coal Mining and Mission Coking Coal to increase domestic production for reducing import dependence. For the financial year 2024-25, CIL paid ₹60,959.52 crore to the government exchequer. This was a small increase of 1.2 per cent compared to ₹60,197.8 crore paid in 2023-24, according to provisional government data. 17 hours ago. For the financial year 2024-25, CIL paid ₹60,959.52 crore to the government exchequer. in comparison to ₹60,197.8 crore paid in 2023-24, according to provisional government data. The coal-rich states earn this money through sources like royalty, District Mineral Foundation (DMF), and National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET).

AIACE/AICPA has been struggling for reforms in working of CMPF organization. It is happy to note that Coal India has taken decision to increase its contribution to CMPS fund from Rs 10/ to Rs20/Te on non-coking coal and Rs 10/Te on coking coal to augment the fund. This step by CIL will pave the way for enhancement of pension to coal retirees. Our representatives from AIAE/AICPA met coal ministry officials on 2th Feb this year to stress upon the enhancement of pension to the retirees. The work is going on in the right direction and we expect amendment in CMPS 1998 in monsoon session regarding linking of DA for pension.

For hassle free pension to spouses in case of death of coal pensioners, the CMPFO has simplified the process and has circulated SOP on 4th April,25. AIACE/AICPA has been suggesting the govt, coal companies and CMPFO for easing the issuance of revised PPO by involving pension paying banks for collecting the needed data like Aadhar card and PAN card of spouse of the beneficiary but the companies and CMPFO have not shown the positive action. The procedure adopted is not giving adequate result and issued revised PPOs are also full of mistakes and missing data. The coal companies, CMPFO and coal ministry need to take call on suggestions forwarded by AIACE/AICPA.

Our struggle is continuing for resolution of pay conflict of executives with that of wage board employees, revision of pension under CMPS 1998, smoothening of treatment and reimbursement under CPRMS and others. The resolution of pay conflict is halted due to court case which may take longer time.

Lastly, we come to say that AIACE, not only raises and resolve the issues of coal executives and employees but also give opportunity to members to connect with each other through coal clubs by organising cultural programmes for entertainment.

I am glad to inform that our association will be completing 10 years of its existence. This year, we are going to organize the foundation day function with great pomp and show throughout the country. We will felicitate the initial members who founded this association through their early membership. We are also going to felicitate all those members who have crossed 80 years of age as on 1st May on this occasion. All the branches will be finically supported from central body @ Rs 500/ per participating members.

Best wishes to all who have contributed and enriched our association by their active participation and cooperation.

Regards,

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