



Dear Readers,

I am glad to hand over the Year -3, Vol - IV issue of AIACE Today to readers. The financial year has closed with impressive growth of coal production in the country. We produced 777.23 MT of coal during 2021-22 with a growth of 8.5 % over the last year of 716 MT.

Out of the above CIL's share stood at 622.64 MT with 4.43 % growth, SCCL's share at 65.02 MT stood at about 28.55% growth and captive share at 89.57 MT at around 29.5 % growth in coal production over the last year. The increase in domestic production enabled to arrest the import of coal and we reduced import to the tune of 173.32 MT in 2021-22, which was 215.25 MT last year and 248.54 MT in 2019-20. CIL deserves praise for supplying fuel at an unprecedented pace over the last six months after the widely hyped coal crisis by some of the vested interest groups and states demanding relaxation for importing coal. The coal supply by CIL to the power sector soared to a record 540.4 MT with a whopping 95.4 MT volume increase. Its average loading at the highest ever level of 271.2 rakes per day grew in 2021-22 by 12.3% compared to the average of 241.4 rakes loaded in 2020-21. Its total off-take increased by nearly 15 per cent at around 662 MT as compared to 574.5 MT during FY 21-22.

Not only this, CIL also cleared 16 coal mining projects of which 7 are greenfield and 9 are expansion projects, adding a total capacity of nearly 100 MTPY and incremental capacity of 56.7 MT/Y. It is needed that CIL should produce around 700 MT in 2022-23 and for this, it has to grow at a rate of 12 % per year which seems difficult, but may achieve it with highly experienced manpower and going by MDO mode.

Now coming to our activities in the last three months, in which, we achieved many mile stones like order for payment of interest on NPS corpus, promotion of executives in CIL, adoption of hassle-free start of widow pension, issue of orders for payment of arrear difference of interest on CMPF fund for the years 2018-19, 19-20 & 20-21. Stagnating 2<sup>nd</sup> class Mine Managers were also promoted to E7 grade, and even Survey cadre personnel were equally benefitted.

We started meeting Members of Parliaments from different states on pension issue starting from Ms Himadri Singh, MP, Shahdol, Virendra Singh, MP, Ballia and so on. Till now we have approached 53 Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members and many of them have forwarded our memorandum to coal minister for examination and implementation. We propose to meet at least 200 MPs over the pension issue by end of the month of June, 2022. AIACE, along with AICPA, has decided to go for relay hunger strike at Jantar- Mantar, New Delhi from 25 July 22 till realisation of enhancement of pension. Our members are regularly holding meetings and rallies all across the country and appealing coal pensioners to reach Delhi to participate in it.

AIACE is working hard for welfare of not only executives, but other employees also, and seek support of all concerned.

With these words, I am handing over this issue of AIACE Today to you.

Regards

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