



Ministry of Coal Executes Agreements for Three Commercial Coal Blocks with Damodar Valley Corporation, Advancing India's Energy Security and Employment Goals

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In a significant step towards reinforcing India's energy security and accelerating economic growth, the Ministry of Coal has executed Coal Mine Development and Production Agreements (CMDPAs) with Damodar Valley Corporation for three commercial coal blocks—Dhulia North, Mandakini B, and Pirpainti Barahat. These blocks were successfully auctioned under the 13th round of commercial coal mining auctions.

The execution of these agreements represents a significant milestone in India's journey towards self-reliance in the coal sector. All three coal blocks are fully explored and together account for a cumulative Peak Rated Capacity (PRC) of 49 million tonnes per annum (MTPA), underscoring their strategic importance in meeting the country's growing energy requirements.

The projects are envisaged to generate an estimated annual revenue of Rs. 4,621 crore, while attracting a capital investment of approximately Rs. 7,350 crore, thereby contributing substantially to economic activity and industrial growth.

In addition to strengthening energy availability, the development of these coal blocks is expected to deliver significant socio-economic benefits. The three projects are projected to create around 66,248 direct and indirect employment opportunities, fostering livelihood generation and regional development in the coal-bearing areas.

The Ministry of Coal remains steadfast in its commitment to expanding domestic coal production through a transparent, competitive, and investor-friendly auction framework. These efforts are aimed at ensuring long-term energy security, stimulating economic growth, and advancing inclusive development, in alignment with the national vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

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