

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

RAJYA SABHA
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STATUS OF FIRST MILE CONNECTIVITY PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of coal First Mile Connectivity (FMC) projects sanctioned and completed so far, including their capacity and impact on coal dispatch efficiency;
- (b) funds allocated and utilized for these projects including any costs overrun, project-wise;
- (c) the details of specific FMC projects that are currently pending or delayed, including their original timelines and revised completion schedules; and
- (d) the major reasons for delays in completion of FMC projects and the steps taken by Government to address these and to expedite project completion?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): A total of 139 first-mile connectivity projects (FMC) having capacity of 1,319 million tonne have been undertaken. Out of this, 65 projects having capacity of 552 million tonne have been commissioned. FMC projects have significantly improved coal dispatch efficiency by:

- reducing road transportation and associated emissions,
- lowering the turnaround time of railway rakes, and
- ensuring improved transparency and accuracy in loading operations through integrated digital monitoring systems.

(b): Details of allocated funds and expenditure, including cost overrun in completed projects, are attached at Annexure-I.

(c) Details of pending FMC projects, along with timelines, are attached at Annexure-II.

(d) Major reasons for delay of the FMC projects are:

- Poor financial health of some executing agencies
- Delay in land acquisition
- Delay in regulatory clearances
- Slow work progress by executing agencies

Steps taken to expedite the completion of projects:

- Regular monitoring at the project level, PSU level and Ministry level.
- Addressing project-wise issues.
- Taking up matters with State Governments, wherever necessary.

Annexure-1

Required details of these 25 projects i.e. Awarded value and Expenditure including cost overrun of Coal PSUs projects are tabulated as under:

Sl. No	Sub.	Name	Capacity (MTPA)	Awarded Cost (In Crs)	Expenditure (In Crs)	Remark
1	ECL	Sonepur Bazari CHP SILO	12.0	213.44	195.06	-
2	NCL	Krishnashila CHP SILO	4.0	175.95	181.33	Cost Overrun
3	NCL	Block-B Rail Connectivity	-	48.81	45.74	
4	NCL	Jayant CHP SILO	15.0	698.02	698.01	
5	SECL	Kusmunda Ph-I CHP SILO	10.0	89.97	89.96	
6	SECL	Kusmunda Ph-II CHP SILO	40.0	262.76	243.41	
7	SECL	Gevra RLS Siding	20.0	222.19	198.24	
8	MCL	Lingraj CHP SILO	16.0	230.31	252.61	Cost Overrun
9	MCL	Bhubaneswari Ph-I CHP SILO	10.0	247.01	260.22	Cost Overrun
10	MCL	Lajkura RLS Siding	15.0	261.75	271.98	Cost Overrun
11	CCL	North Urimari CHP SILO	7.5	280.91	264.00	
12	NCL	Dudhichua Ph-III CHP SILO	10.0	646.56	671.29	Cost Overrun
13	SECL	Dipka RLS Siding	25.0	211.22	200.95	
14	SECL	Baroud CHP SILO	10.0	216.53	206.5	
15	SECL	Chhal CHP SILO	6.0	173.46	165.79	
16	NCL	Amlohri RLS Siding	2.0	127.85	125.17	
17	MCL	Sardega RLS Siding	20.0	302.59	308.16	Cost Overrun
18	NCL	Bina-Kakri CHP SILO	9.5	628.36	617.19	
19	NCL	Dudhichua RLS Siding	5.0	62.34	61.33	
20	WCL	Dinesh CHP SILO	8.0	431.08	388.26	
21	MCL	Bhubaneswari Ph-II CHP SILO	15.0	247.69	226.92	
22	BCCL	Maheshpur CHP Silo	5.0	131.10	134.24	Cost Overrun
23	SECL	Kusmunda Ph-III In Pit Conveyor	-	544.59	505.95	
24	SCCL	SRP OC CHP	3.5	283.49	254.60	
25	SCCL	JVR CHP	10	1230.09	1210.09	
		TOTAL	278.5	7968	7777	

In addition,

- ❖ 30 projects having capacity 207.5 MT were completed by Coal PSUs before 2019
- ❖ 10 FMC projects are commissioned by private coal blocks having capacity of 66 MT.

Annexure-II

Required details of pending FMC Projects of Coal PSUs along with timelines are tabulated below :-

S. No.	Name of Project	Sub.	Capacity (MTY)	Original Date of Completion	Anticipated Date of Completion
1	Kumardih-B CM UG CHP	ECL	1.0	16.08.2022	31.12.2025
2	Nigahi CHP SILO	NCL	10.0	24.12.2023	31.12.2025
3	Ananta RLS Siding	MCL	20.0	18.09.2022	31.03.2026
4	Manikpur CHP SILO	SECL	5.0	22.10.2022	31.12.2025
5	Rajmahal CHP SILO	ECL	10.0	25.04.2023	30.06.2026
6	Kaniha RLS Siding	MCL	10.0	01.09.2022	15.03.2026
7	Lakhanpur- Belpahar-Lilari Ph-I CHP SILO	MCL	10.0	30.06.2023	15.03.2026
8	Hingula CHP SILO	MCL	10.0	30.06.2023	30.06.2026
9	Mungoli Nirguda CHP SILO	WCL	10.0	07.12.2023	31.01.2026
10	Jhanjra UG CHP SILO	ECL	5.0	06.01.2023	30.06.2026
11	KDH-Purnadih CHP-SILO	CCL	7.5	02.05.25	28.02.2026
12	Block-B CHP SILO	NCL	4.5	10.04.2022	31.03.2026
13	Khadia CHP SILO	NCL	4.0	16.03.2026	31.03.2026
14	Karo OCP Exp. CHP SILO	CCL	7.0	04.02.2026	30.06.2026
15	Gevra Silo 5 & 6 CHP SILO with In-Pit Conveyor	SECL	30.0	11.02.2023	30.06.2026
16	Konar CHP SILO	CCL	5.0	31.03.2026	31.08.2026
17	Hurra-C CHP SILO	ECL	3.0	13.02.2024	31.12.2026
18	Integrated FMC for Gauri Pauni Exp. OC and Sasti OC	WCL	10.0	13.12.2026	13.12.2026
19	Kulda Garjanbahal In-pit conveyor with TLS	MCL	5.0	14.08.2027	30.11.2027
20	Lakhanpur-Belpahar-Lilari Ph-II CHP SILO	MCL	20.0	03.09.2027	30.11.2027
21	Rampur Batura CHP SILO	SECL	4.0	31.01.2027	31.12.2027
22	Amrapali CHP SILO	CCL	25.0	11.03.2026	31.12.2027
23	Ashok - Piparwar CHP SILO	CCL	20.0	14.02.2028	14.02.2028
24	Sanghmitra CHP SILO	CCL	20.0	27.02.2028	27.02.2028
25	Porda Chimtapani CHP SILO	SECL	10.0	31.03.2028	31.03.2028

S. No.	Name of Project	Sub.	Capacity (MTY)	Original Date of Completion	Anticipated Date of Completion
26	Chandragupt CHP SILO (MDO)	CCL	15.0	FY 2027-28	FY 2027-28
27	Kotre Basantpur Panchmo CHP SILO (MDO)	CCL	5.0	FY 2027-28	FY 2027-28
28	Parasea-Belbaid UG CHP (MDO)	ECL	2.1	FY 2027-28	FY 2027-28
29	Tilaboni UG CHP (MDO)	ECL	1.9	FY 2027-28	FY 2027-28
30	Amalgmated Inder Kamptee Deep OC	WCL	3.2	FY 2027-28	FY 2027-28
31	Siarmal Surge Bins (MDO)	MCL	50.0	31.01.2028	31.01.2028
32	Balbhadra CHP SILO (MDO)	MCL	10.0	31.03.2028	31.03.2028
33	Jarangdih CHP SILO	CCL	1.5	27.04.2028	27.04.2028
34	Swang Pipradih CHP SILO	CCL	2.0	30.05.2028	30.05.2028
35	Magadh CHP SILO	CCL	51.0	30.01.2027	30.06.2028
36	Kulda Garjanbahal CHP SILO	MCL	43.0	30.09.2028	30.09.2028
37	Balaram CHP SILO	MCL	17.5	30.11.2028	30.11.2028
38	Siduli UG +OC CHP	ECL	2.3	27.10.2028	27.10.2028
39	Rohini Karketta CHP SILO	CCL	10.0	30.12.2028	30.12.2028
40	Pundi Expn. CHP SILO	CCL	5.0	30.12.2028	30.12.2028
41	Mohanpur CHP SILO	ECL	2.5	31.12.2028	31.12.2028
42	Bonjemehari Expn. CHP	ECL	1.0	28.02.2029	28.02.2029
43	Pelma CHP SILO (MDO)	SECL	15.0	FY 2028-29	FY 2028-29
44	Madannagar CHP SILO (MDO)	SECL	12.0	FY 2028-29	FY 2028-29
45	Gopalji Kaniha Ph-II CHP SILO	MCL	20.0	31.03.2029	31.03.2029
46	Durgapur CHP SILO	SECL	6.0	FY 2028-29	FY 2028-29
47	Subhadra CHP SILO (MDO)	MCL	25.0	30.10.2028	30.10.2028
48	Moonidih XV Seam UG CHP	BCCL	2.5	FY 2028-29	FY 2028-29
49	NTST Kujama OC CHP SILO (MDO)	BCCL	8.5	FY 2028-29	FY 2028-29
50	Talabira II&III OCP	NLCIL	8.0	Dec-2024	March 2026
51	PSCB	NLCIL	9.0	Mar-2025	Dec-2025

S. No.	Name of Project	Sub.	Capacity (MTY)	Original Date of Completion	Anticipated Date of Completion
52	North Dhadu	NLCIL	4.5	FY 2029-30	FY 2029-30
53	Machhakata	NLCIL	30.0	FY 2029-30	FY 2029-30
54	New Patrapara South:	NLCIL	12.0	FY 2029-30	FY 2029-30
55	RG OC3 (6 CHP)	SCCL	5.0	March-2026	March-2026
56	VK CHP (relay of existing RCHP.)	SCCL	6.0	2027-28	2027-28
57	Naini CHP	SCCL	10.0	2028-29	2028-29
	TOTAL		662.5		

In addition, 17 FMC projects are planned by private coal blocks having capacity of 104 MT.