

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS

Coal Controller's Organization:

The Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO), initially established as the Office of the Coal Controller, has a rich history dating back to 1916. Its primary purpose was to ensure adequate coal supply during World War I, necessitating government control over production, distribution, and pricing. Over the years, the CCO has evolved, adapting to changing market conditions and regulatory frameworks. The Coal Controller's Organization is a subordinate Office of Ministry of Coal, having its Offices at Delhi, Kolkata, Dhanbad, Ranchi, Bilaspur, Nagpur, Sambalpur and Kothagudem.

The administrative wing of CCO is headed by Director (ISS) supported by one Deputy Director (ISS) and two Deputy Assistant Coal Controllers and other Officials.

Functions:

The Coal Controller's Organization discharges various statutory functions derived from the following statutes:

- (i) The Colliery Control Rules, 2004 (Amended in 2021).
- (ii) The Coal Mines (Conservation & Development) Act, 1974 and The Coal Mines (Conservation & Development) Rules, 1975 (Amended in 2011)
- (iii) The Collection of Statistics Act, 2008 and the Collection of Statistics (Central) Rules, 2011.
- (iv) The Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & Development) Act, 1957 (20 of 1957)
- (v) Act as Commissioner of Payment under CM (SP) Act, 2015

The Coal Controller's Organization discharges the following functions: -

- (a) Inspection of collieries so as to ensure the correctness of the class, grade or size of coal.
- (b) To issue directives for the purpose of declaration and maintenance of grades of coal of a seam mined in a colliery.
- (c) To act as the appellate authority in case of dispute between consumers and owner arising out of declaration of grade of coal.

(e) Quality surveillance with respect to maintenance of grade, loading of coal in wagons/trucks according to laid down procedures regarding grades and sizes.

(f) To grant opening/re-opening permission of coal mine, seam or a section of seam or to sub-divide a mine.

(g) Approval of Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan

(h) Implementation of Washery Rejects Policy

(i) Review/evaluations of mines under Star rating Policy

(j) Collection, Compilation of Monthly Coal & Lignite Statistics and Release of Annual Publication Coal Directory.

(k) Reimbursement of funds against progressive/final mine closure activities from Escrow Accounts

(l) Disbursement of sums of credit from Coal Mines Conservation and Development account:

(m) To hear objections to the Central Government's Notification relating to acquisition of coal bearing land under Coal Bearing Area (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957 and to furnish his reports to Central Govt.

(n) To facilitate field visit for prospective bidders for proposed coal blocks for auction

(o) Parliament Quarries & RTI

(p) Support of Niti Ayog, IBM, State Govt. and DPIIT etc

(q) The Coal Controller is the capacity of Commissioner of Payments.