

Coal Output and Dispatches Surge as Captive and Commercial Mines Perform Strongly

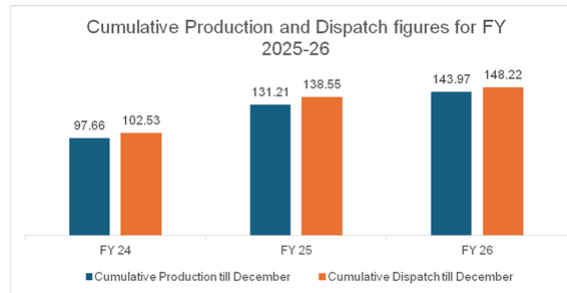
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Coal output and dispatches from captive and commercial mines recorded steady growth in December 2025 during FY 2025–26. The production stood at 19.48 million tonnes (MT) during this period, while coal dispatches during the month were recorded at 18.02 MT. This represents a year-on-year increase of 5.75% in production compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.

During the third quarter (Q3) of FY 2025–26, cumulative coal production from Captive and Commercial mines reached 54.14 million tonnes (MT), with dispatches recorded at 50.61 MT. The quarter registered a year-on-year growth of 5.35% in production, reflecting sustained operational momentum across the sector.

Cumulatively, for the financial year 2025–26 up to December, the sector has demonstrated robust performance, with coal production registering a year-on-year increase of 9.72% and dispatches rising by 6.98% compared to the corresponding period of the previous financial year. These encouraging trends reflect improved operational efficiency and more effective utilization of mining capacity across the sector.

The attached graph clearly illustrates the consistent performance improvement with both production and dispatch showing strong gains.



The Ministry attributes the sector's improved performance to a series of strategic policy measures, rigorous monitoring and consistent support to stakeholders. These efforts have been instrumental in expediting operational approvals and expanding production capacities, thereby contributing significantly to the growth in coal output and dispatches.

The Ministry of Coal remains focused on creating a stable and performance-driven environment for captive and commercial coal mining. Through continued policy facilitation, close performance monitoring, and coordinated engagement with stakeholders, the Ministry aims to ensure reliable coal availability, support uninterrupted operations across key sectors, and meet the country's growing energy needs, thereby contributing to the long-term national objective of building a Viksit Bharat 2047.

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