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## Piyush Goyal Unveils WCL's Plan To Open 36 Mines In 36 Months

### WCL Geared To Produce 100Mt Coal By 2020

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**USPA NEWS** - The Energy Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Chandrashekhar Bawankule meeting the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Power, Coal and New and Renewable Energy, Mr. Piyush Goyal, in New Delhi November 05, 2015.

Mr. Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy said that In order to help CIL to achieve its stupendous coal production target of one billion tonnes by FY 2020, Western Coalfields Limited is planning to enhance its coal production by 150 per cent. Mr. Goyal was speaking after unveiling WCL's roadmap for opening 36 mines/ projects in 36 months on November 5.

Lauding WCL for resetting its goal from 60 mt to 100 mt of coal production by 2020, the Minister said that enhancing coal production will help in providing electricity to the deprived parts of the country. The Minister congratulated team WCL for acquiring 2500 hectare land and generating 1300 direct employment opportunities to the farmers who have given their land in last one year. Mr. Goyal added that the enhanced production will not only fulfill coal demand of Maharashtra but will also provide relief to the southern areas of the country. He hoped that through the pace with which coal mines are opening, the dream of providing 24Å—7 affordable power for all will become reality.

Mr. Anil Swarup, Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Mr. S Bhattacharya, CMD Coal India, Dr. A.K. Dubey, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Mr. RR Mishra, CMD, WCL, former CMDs of WCL and senior officers of Ministry of Coal and WCL were also present on the occasion.

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