



Corporate Environment Policy 2023



Mahanadi Coalfields Limited

(A Miniratna Subsidiary company of Coal India Limited)

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Back Ground:

Mahanadi Coalfields Limited subscribes to the view of Sustainable Development. Unless the environment can sustain all the developmental activities, any pursuit of development in isolation can cause irreparable damage to the ecosystem and associated environmental attributes. Keeping this view in mind, Coal India Limited attaches top priority towards sustainable development and approved its 'Corporate Environmental Policy' in December 1995, which was subsequently revised in 2012 and 2018. The present policy is the revision of the Corporate Environment Policy 2018 and is complimentary to the National Environmental Policy, 2006.

This modification in the present policy is the outcome of the experience gained since 2018 keeping in view the modifications / amendments made time to time in environmental policies and additional stipulations notified by MoEF&CC (Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change) and other organizations concerning mine closure, reclamation of degraded land, environmental clearance etc. and also with the objective of revisiting the corporate policy. Government of India is signatory to few international conventions/agreements relevant to MCL amongst others and activities associated with such conventions/agreements are embodied in the present policy

This Policy has a vision of Green Mining and mission of 100% compliance of environmental statutes applicable to coal mining industry.

Policy Statement:

Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) is committed to promote low carbon, sustainable and socially inclusive coal mining by protecting the environment through integrated project planning & design, prevention/mitigation of pollution, conservation of natural resources, restoration of ecology & biodiversity, recycling/proper disposal of wastes, addressing climate change and inclusive growth. It also aims to bringing awareness amongst its stakeholders for continual improvement in environmental performances following good environmental practices.

Objectives:

MCL shall endeavor to-

- 1. Plan & design projects with due consideration to environmental and social concerns for Sustainable Development and reduction in emission intensity of its operations.*

2. *Conduct mining and associated operation in an environmentally responsible manner to comply with applicable laws and other requirements related to environmental aspects.*
3. *Prevent pollution in surrounding habitation by continuous monitoring and adopting suitable measures for environment protection.*
4. *Ensure effective implementation of Environment Management Plans (EMPs) in all our mines / projects to mitigate pollution, conservation of natural resources and restoration of ecology & biodiversity.*
5. *Ensure compliance of all statutory conditions prescribed by regulatory agencies.*
6. *Ensure waste management in each unit on the principle of REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE and SAFE DISPOSAL.*
7. *Put special thrusts on efficient energy utilization / renewable energy and other measures to reduce carbon foot-print.*
8. *Strive for continual improvement in our environmental performances by setting targets, measuring progress and taking corrective action.*
9. *Take measures to gainful repurposing of land and render productive post mining land use for ensuring environmentally sustainable and socially acceptable closure of mine.*
10. *Ensure implementation of activities applicable to MCL arising out of International Conventions.*
11. *Create environmental awareness and ensure environmental education among the employees, local communities and other stakeholders through pro-active communication and training.*
12. *Promote R&D projects/innovations addressing various environmental concerns like minimization of carbon footprints of MCL and environmental issues in mining & surrounding areas.*
13. *Ensure transparency in Environmental reporting / disclosure to stakeholders.*

Review of Environmental Policy:

In view of the present fast changing social, economic and environmental scenario, this policy shall be reviewed every 5 years to incorporate the changes in the legal, technical, environmental, economic and social inputs prevailing at that time. Whenever, there is change in National Environmental Policy or other National / State relevant policies, Acts etc, this Corporate Environmental Policy would be reviewed and suitably revised.