

Coal India Limited signed a MoU with ICFRE

Coal India Limited (CIL) a 'Maharatna' Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of Ministry of Coal (MoC), Government of India with head quarters at Kolkata, West Bengal and the single largest coal producing company in the world entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), an autonomous body under Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change , Govt of India with head quarter at Dehradun to support scientific and academic research, education and extension in the field of forestry and environment and providing support for assessing and monitoring the environmental compliance of individual mine.

The main areas of future collaboration between ICFRE and CIL proposed to be covered under the MoU are i) Third party environmental audit of coal mines as per conditions imposed while granting EC & FC; ii) Assessment and monitoring of plantation and eco-restoration activities carried out by coal companies (other than plantations raised by State Forest Departments under CAMPA) as per the conditions laid by MoEF&CC & State Government; iii) Preparation of wildlife management plans for coal mines/coal fields; iv) Preparation of environmental impact assessment (EIA) and environmental management plan (EMP); v) Training programs for executives of CIL on environment and forestry issues; vi) Any other activity related to environmental and forestry issues.

The MoU was signed in presence of Sh. Anil Swarup, Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India and Dr. Shashi Kumar, Director General, ICFRE. Director, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun and Dr. N. S. Bisht, DDG (Extension) and Director (International Cooperation), DDG (Admin), ICFRE, Dr. Rajiv Garg, Principal Advisor, CIL, Sh. Shekhar Saran, CMD, CMPDI, Ranchi and other Senior Officials of CIL and ICFRE were also present on the occasion. The MoU was signed by Sh. Sudhir Kumar, ADG (EM) on behalf of ICFRE and Mr. Niranjana Das, CGM (Environment) on behalf of CIL on 01.09.2016 at FRI Borad Room, Dehradun.





