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PREFACE

Performance Budget presents the budget in terms of functions, programmes and activities and co-relates the physical and financial aspects of the individual schemes in order to facilitate a better understanding and fuller review of the budgetary allocations and the Department's working. It provides an indicator of the relationship between the estimated input and expected output, acts as a tool for management and serves as an instrument for evaluation of performance.

This document covers all developmental activities of the Department of Coal and is intended to highlight the objectives of the Department of Coal, the projects, programmes and activities designed to achieve them and the achievements against the targets set for 2003-04 as well as the targets set for 2004-2005.

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| Chapter I | Gives a brief introductory note on the objectives of the Department of Coal and the organisational structure of the agencies connected with implementing these objectives. |
| Chapter II | Indicates the broad economic activities and programmes of the Department and deals with the overall performance of the Department in 2003-04 in achieving the objectives; the target and outlook for 2004-2005 are also indicated. |
| Chapter III | Gives a break-up of the financial outlays under various projects/programmes and activities and is intended to link up the provisions in the Demand for Grants presented to Parliament along with the budget of the Central Government 2004-2005. |
| Chapter IV | Covers the performance in respect of major central sector projects and programmes. |
| Chapter V | Is devoted to the objectives, organisation and activities of Coal India Limited, a public sector undertaking under the control of the Department of Coal. |
| Chapter VI | Covers the performance details of the Singareni Collieries Company Limited, a joint undertaking of the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and the Government of India. |
| Chapter VII | Covers the performance objectives, organisation and activities of Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited, a public sector undertaking under the control of the Department of Coal. |
| Chapter VIII | Covers the performance details of the Coal Mines Provident Fund Scheme, Coal Mines Pension Scheme and Deposit-linked Insurance Scheme. |

It may be added that there is no attempt in performance budgeting to quantify results where none is possible, nor is it intended that evaluation of performance or a judgment on the attainment of objective should be made in quantitative terms alone.