



# Ministry of Coal Reports Record-Breaking Production and Dispatch in Captive and Commercial Mines for FY 2025-26

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The Ministry of Coal has marked FY 2025–26 as a watershed moment in India’s coal sector, with captive and commercial mining achieving a milestone never reached before. For the first time, combined production and dispatch from these blocks have surpassed the 200 Million Tonnes (MT) mark, marking a decisive leap in scale, capability, and contribution to the Nation’s energy landscape.

As on March 31, 2026, coal production from captive and commercial mines reached 210.46 MT, registering a robust year-on-year growth of 10.22% over 190.95 MT in the previous fiscal. Dispatches also witnessed a strong uptick, touching 204.61 MT and marking a 7.35% increase compared to 190.42 MT in FY 2024–25. These record-breaking figures reflect improved operational efficiency, strengthened logistics, and the sector’s growing capacity to meet the nation’s rising energy demand.

## Significant Milestones Achieved in FY 2025–26

- **Historic 200+ MT Milestone:** Production and dispatch from captive/commercial blocks crossed **200 MT** for the first time, reflecting sustained growth and operational excellence.
- **Operationalization of New Blocks:** During FY 2025–26, 12 captive and commercial coal blocks were operationalized through the grant of Mine Opening Permission (MOP), significantly expanding the operational coal mining base by adding more than **86 MT** of annual production capacity.
- **Accelerated Production Commencement:** Further, 7 blocks commenced coal production within the same financial year, demonstrating faster project execution and improved regulatory coordination.

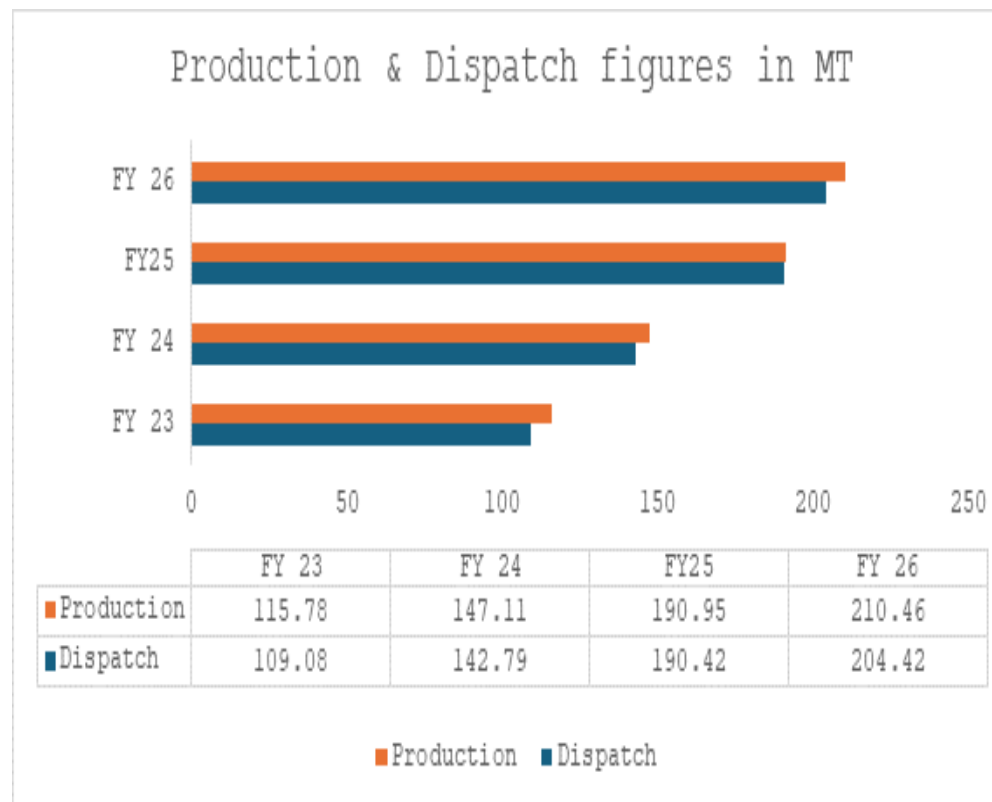


Figure: Production and Dispatch figures of Captive and Commercial mines of consecutive four years

The graph illustrates a steady and progressive upward trend in both coal production and dispatch over the past four years. The sustained increase in dispatch underscores more efficient logistics, streamlined evacuation, and a stronger, more resilient coal supply chain.

This landmark achievement is a strong reflection of India's commitment to Aatmanirbhar Bharat, driven by focused policy interventions, streamlined approvals, and a renewed thrust on enhancing domestic coal production. It underscores the Ministry's sustained efforts to create an enabling ecosystem for captive and commercial mining, thereby reducing import dependence and strengthening national resource security.

Building on this momentum, the achievements of FY 2025–26 reinforce the coal sector's central role in advancing the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. With continued emphasis on efficiency, scalability, and responsible mining practices, the sector is well-positioned to drive industrial growth, support economic expansion, and ensure a resilient and future-ready energy framework for the nation.

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