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**SAFETY ALERT: 02/2025**

**Dhanbad,**

**dated 12.01.2025**

**SUBJECT: OCCURRENCE OF FATAL ACCIDENT TO SHOVEL OPERATOR DUE TO BURN INJURIES FROM HOT STEAM WHILE LOADING COAL FROM A FIERY SEAM**

1. Name of the mine : Kankanee Colliery  
Owner of the Mine : M/s Bharat Coking Coal Limited
2. District : Dhanbad
3. State : Jharkhand
4. Mineral : Coal
5. Date and time of the accident : 05.01.2025 12:10 PM
6. Number of persons Killed : 01 (One)  
Name: Munna Chouhan  
Designation: Shovel Operator  
Age: 47 years
7. Injured : NIL
8. Photo/sketch showing the accident



9. Cause of the accident: During extraction of fiery coal by merging in water chobha near the Excavation. steam broke out taken place resulted in burnt injury to shovel operator Munna Chouhan later on succumbed to death in Bokaro General Hospital, Bokaro.
10. Best Practices:
  - (i) Carry out risk assessments to identify potential hazards related to coal extraction and implement measures to mitigate these risks.
  - (ii) Establish clear Safe Operating Procedures for safely extraction operations related to fiery coal to prevent steam and combustion-related accidents.
  - (iii) Acquaint the persons deployed in dealing fiery coal by providing them necessary training on safe mining practices, the risks associated with fire and gas and including emergency response .

**Safety Alert**, a tool utilized by DGMS, informs the mining industry about potential safety issues and offers recommendations to prevent such accident/incident

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