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SAFETY ALERT: 29

Dhanbad, dated 04.12.2025

SUBJECT: Fatal accident occurred due to (cause) FALL OF PERSON at PIT BOTTOM of Pit No. 04 of Ballarpur Colliery 3 & 4 Pits underground mine.

1. Name of Mine : Ballarpur Colliery 3 & 4 Pits
2. Name of Owner : M/s Western Coalfields Limited
District : Chandrapur
State : Maharashtra
3. Mineral : Coal
4. Date and time of accident : Night shift of 01/10/2025 i.e. at 00:30 hrs of 02/10/2025
5. Place of accident : Pit bottom of Pit No. 04 Electric Winder Installation
6. Killed : ONE
Name: Hemraj Bhaurao Dhawas
Designation: Pump Operator
Age: 37 years
Experience: 10 years in M/s WCL.
7. Seriously Injured : Nil
8. Brief Cause : While a Pump Operator was descending alone in a cage of a winder, fell down outside the cage from a height of about 150 m into the shaft bottom to which he succumbed almost instantly.
9. Sketch showing the accident:



10. 1. Best Practices:
 - (a) No body shall be allowed to travel alone in a cage.
 - (b) Carrying Mobile phone inside a mine shall be strictly restricted
 - (c) Cage Safety Design & Barriers
 - Ensure cage gates/doors are: Mechanically sound, Self-closing and self-locking, Impossible to open during movement
 - Provide interlocking systems so the cage cannot start unless: All gates are properly closed and locked, All persons are fully inside the cage
 - (d) Proper Handrails & Guarding
 - Install full-height guard rails, toe boards, and protective mesh on: Cage sides, Gate area, Landing platforms
 - (e) No Solo Descent/Ascent
 - Strictly prohibit single-person travel in cages.
 - Enforce the rule: Minimum two persons must descend together, unless winding is fully automated with proper safety systems.

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