

**SAFETY ALERT: 12 / 2025**

**Dhanbad, dated 20.08.2025**

**SUBJECT:** Fatal accident occurred due to overturning of bus carrying mine employees at Dulanga Coal Mine Project (OC) of M/s NTPC Limited

1. Name of Mine : Dulanga Coal Mining Project
2. Name of Owner : M/s NTPC Limited  
District : Sundargarh  
State : Odisha
3. Mineral : Coal
4. Date and time of accident : 27.04.2025, 10:20 PM
5. Place of accident : Transportation Road near CHP of the mine
6. Killed : Name: Nityanand Pradhan  
Designation: Dumper Operator  
Age: 58 Years  
Experience: 5 years in the mine as a Dumper Operator
7. Seriously Injured : Nil
8. Brief Cause : The accident took place on the LMV transportation road while a bus carrying persons employed in the mine overturned resulting in fatal injuries to the person who was standing near the door which was remained kept open.
9. Sketch/Photos showing the accident:



**10. Best Practices**

- Ensure all buses/LMVs used for employee transportation are fit, well-maintained, and periodically inspected.
- Provide automatic door-locking mechanisms or alarms to prevent open-door movement.
- Maintain LMV transportation roads in safe condition: proper drainage, gradient, width, lighting, and signage.
- Mandatory enforcement of rest periods for all drivers; no duty continuation without relief staff.
- Strict compliance with SOPs for LMV uses — ensure all passengers are seated and doors are locked before movement.
- Pre-trip checks and clearance by shift supervisors before vehicle dispatch.
- Use of checklists and logbooks for documenting fitness and safety compliance before each trip.