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**SAFETY ALERT: 02 / 2026**

**Dhanbad, dated : 18/05/2025**

**Subject: Fatal accident occurred due to Air Blast in Belowground workings at Parasea Colliery of M/s Eastern Coalfields Limited.**

1.	Name of Mine	:	Parasea Colliery
2.	Name of Owner	:	M/s Eastern Coalfields Limited
	District	:	Paschim Bardhaman
	State	:	West Bengal
3.	Mineral	:	Coal
4.	Date and time of accident	:	14/05/2026, 10:30 AM
5.	Place of accident	:	17 <sup>th</sup> Dip/3 <sup>rd</sup> Level in haulage roadway outside the working district (Approx. 160 mtrs. From the place of roof fall i.e. 20th Dip/ 2nd Level of Panel K-16 in R-VI Seam)
6.	Killed	:	Name: Dibai Munda Designation: Clipman Age:59 Years Experience: Not Available.
7.	Seriously Injured	:	02 Persons and 18 persons escaped with minor injuries
8.	Brief Cause	:	While inspection was being carried out in a stowing panel of belowground coal mine in the beginning of the shift, Supervisory staff and Assistant Manager heard the sound of bumping. They immediately withdrew all the work persons from the panel and subsequently a sudden massive roof fall took place resulting in an air blast. In the process of escaping, workers fell on the floor in which one person received a head injury and lost his life, two persons were seriously injured and 18 persons escaped with minor injuries. Approximately void causing air blast – 3371 m <sup>3</sup>
9.	Sketch showing the accident:		



10.	Best Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Extraction sequence and stowing operations shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the permission granted for extraction of pillars in conjunction with stowing.</li> <li>✓ Void remained unstowed in the entire panel shall be within the permissible limit.</li> <li>✓ Adequate strata monitoring system shall be implemented for detection of abnormal roof movement, weighting, bumping or strata instability.</li> <li>✓ Regular monitoring of convergence, roof sag, support loading and vibration shall be carried out.</li> <li>✓ Adequate density of supports, supplementary supports and reinforcement by roof bolting/cable bolting shall be ensured.</li> <li>✓ Detailed risk assessment for strata failure, bump, air blast and roof fall hazards shall be carried out before commencement of depillaring/stowing operations.</li> <li>✓ Hazard management plan with control measures and trigger action response plan (TARP) shall be implemented.</li> <li>✓ Providing relevant information and training to all personnel, at all levels, including regular exercises in emergency prevention, preparedness and response procedures and periodic emergency drills.</li> </ul>
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\*Safety Alert, a tool utilized by DGMS, informs the mining industry about potential safety issues and offers recommendations to prevent such incident.