Shri Manoj Kumar (DIN 08298541), assumed the charge of Chairman-cum-Managing Director of WCL on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021. Shri Kumar is a Mining Engineer with distinction from the Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad 1985 batch. He obtained First Class Mine Manager's Certificate of Competency in the year 1989. He also did M.Tech in Rock Excavation Engineering from ISM, Dhanbad in 1993-94 and is recipient of Gold Medal.

He started his career in mining industry from WCL/SECL. He has been serving the coal industry for more than three decades. During that period he served in WCL, SECL & ECL in various capacities. He is known for his expertise in difficult underground mining methods and Continuous Miner Technology. With his vast practical experience of underground and opencast coal mining, enriched with the experience of planning and contract management. He has been instrumental in growth and sustainability of production at the places he has worked. He has keen interest in taking new initiatives. He has travelled to USA, South Africa, Australia and Geneva for participating in various programs on Project Management and Coal Mining.

Shri Manoj Kumar has also been entrusted with the additional charge of Chairman-cum-Managing Director of CMPDIL from 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2021.