

ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ತುಣುಕುಗಳು
PAPER CLIPPINGS

79

ಇಲಾಖೆ / ವಿಷಯ : DEPARTMENT / SUBJECT: Coal Mafia

ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯ ಹೆಸರು : NAME OF THE NEWS PAPER: Times of India ದಿನಾಂಕ : 27/01/20 DATE :

**NDA ex-minister
gets 3 yrs in jail
for coal scam**

A special CBI court in Delhi on Monday sentenced former Union minister Dilip Ray to three years in jail and fined him Rs 10 lakh for his role in the illegal allocation of Jharkhand's Brahmadiha coal block in 1999. P 9



**Ex-NDA min Dilip Ray
gets 3-yr jail for coal scam**

Aamir.Khan2@timesgroup.com

New Delhi: A special CBI court in Delhi on Monday sentenced former Union minister Dilip Ray to three years in jail and fined him Rs 10 lakh for his role in the illegal allocation of Jharkhand's Brahmadiha coal block to a Bokaro-based company in 1999. Ray had been convicted of criminal conspiracy, cheating, corruption and breach of trust on October 6 along with two former coal ministry officials — Pradip Kumar Banerjee and Nitya Nand Gautam. The beneficiary firm Castron Technologies Ltd (CTL), its director Mahendra Kumar Agarwalla and another company called Castron Mining Ltd were also guilty of multiple offences, including theft.

The court fined CTL Rs 60 lakh and CML Rs 10 lakh. Agarwalla was handed a three-year jail term and fined Rs 60 lakh. Banerjee and Gautam were sentenced to three years in jail and fined Rs 2 lakh each.

"The average loss from ordinary crimes such as burglaries, robberies and larcenies etc. may run into a few thousand rupees only, but the loss which the white-collar crimes may cause losses not only in lakhs but in

crores of rupees" special CBI judge Bharat Parashar said. The CBI, through senior public prosecutor A P Singh and advocate Tarannum Cheema, had sought "no leniency" as the accused had been convicted for economic offences and corruption.

The sentencing order mentions the challenges of finding criminality in illegal acts by white-collar criminals since these were the handiwork of "well-trained" minds backed by high status in society.

"Issues relating to M/s CTL were dealt with by Ray while being part of a caretaker government, which ultimately led to allocation of the



question in favour of the company, unerringly point towards his mala fide intentions in taking various such decisions directly benefiting company M/s CTL," the order states. While pleading for leniency, Ray said he had suffered extreme mental agony and irreparable damage to his political career.