This study is all about the environmental aspect of Corporate Social Responsibility. Today, the world’s most severe problem and serious concern is environmental pollution. Corporate sector has a major role in overall economic development. For this reason they have to utilize the natural resources which are common for all. As profit being on the top of their priority list, many corporations are too much busy in money making to see the environmental degradation as a major by-product of their business operations. Some wealthy corporations even press the government to reduce the environmental regulations as it hinders their goal of cost cutting and profit making and for mandatory environmental regulations they try everything to make an escape way. As, with the increased pollution level in an alarming way, people’s awareness for environment has also increased. So to green their public image, some corporations today are engaged in green like activities, while some are seriously concerned about environmental degradation and trying their best in adopting mitigation measures for that.

In this study the researcher is not only concerned for the responsibilities corporations have for their part of environmental degradation but also the accountability they hold for their owned responsibility and for the environmental damage done by their business activities, and if they are not taking responsibility of being voluntarily accountable for the damage, which is extremely harmful for each and every stakeholder directly or indirectly, are there some institutions or individuals for taking care of it, and if there are some, how much control they have on their business operations and what is the overall result of these environmental practices on the natural environment.

Being in management domain, not going deep in the technical aspect of the issue, the researcher tries here to find the perceived environmental practices of NCL in the views of selected stakeholders and the differences in the views of different stakeholders if any.
Three sets of questionnaires were developed for three different sets of respondents. In order to achieve the research objectives, null hypotheses have been formulated and relevant statistical techniques such as multiple regression analysis, ANOVA, and descriptive statistics have been applied using software MS Excel and SPSS. This thesis is organized into six chapters, beginning with the introductory chapter and ending with a chapter outlining the findings of the results and conclusions. This section provides an overview of each of the chapters that helps the reader to understand the chapters’ content.

**Chapter I: Introduction**

First chapter includes the introduction of the research background, development of accountability concept, definition of corporate environmental accountability, purpose of environmental accountability, environmental accountability procedure, environmental acts being operated in India, mining industry and its environmental impact and significance of study. This chapter also presents organization of the thesis.

**Chapter II: Industry and Company Profile**

Second chapter deals with brief Profiles of mining Industry in general and Northern Coalfields Limited in particular. The quality of environmental accountability is largely depending upon current regulatory environment of country. This chapter sheds light on the profile of various laws and professional bodies involved in promoting corporate Environmental Accountability in India. This chapter begins with the brief introduction of responsibility and activities of the Coal India Limited and Northern Coalfields Limited, Government of India. Consecutively this chapter describes the various initiatives of the Unit.

**Chapter III: Review of Literature**

Third chapter deals with the studies done in the field of corporate environmental accountability, its impact on firm performance. This chapter begins with the meaning and definition of the important terms of the study. Consecutively this chapter describes the views and statements given by various scholars in articles and researches on the keywords. This chapter also describes findings and conclusions of the previously conducted researches (exactly on the topic and/ or on related areas) and enlightens path for this study.
Chapter IV: Research Methodology

Fourth chapter provides an outline of the methodological perspective adopted for analyzing the data and testing the hypotheses. It focuses on the research methods and procedure for conducting the research. This chapter vividly outlines the need of the study which will be followed by problem statement, research issues, research objectives, formulation of research hypotheses, research design, scope of the study, data collection, statistical tools used in the analysis of data, and the limitations of the study. The chapter has also covered selection of sample size, sampling procedure, measures used to quantify the variables, formulation of research models and instrument used for secondary and primary data.

Chapter V: Data Analysis and Findings

Fifth chapter focuses on the data analysis, hypothesis testing and interpretation of results. This chapter begins with the information of the research results and the detailed description of the respondents’ demographic profile. The descriptive analyses of the variables used in this study are also presented. The actual position of the area of study from researcher’s eyes is clearly stated under result presentation and discussion in this study. These views were within the theoretical framework of this study.

Chapter VI: Summary, Conclusions and Implications

The last chapter of the thesis comprises of summary findings, suggestions and conclusions. The chapter also discusses managerial implications of the study. The objective of this chapter is to summarize the findings and design suggestions for improvements preceded by conclusion. This chapter also shows the limitation and scope for further studies.