

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
COAL SUPPLY TO POWER STATIONS .

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Will the Minister of COAL/COAL/POWER be pleased to state :-

(a) whether there is big gap between supply and requirement of Coal-based utility Thermal Power Stations for 2009 and 2010; and

(b) if so, how the target would be achieved?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI BHARAT SINGH SOLANKI)

(a) & (b) :Yes, Sir. The coal requirement for meeting the generation target and building coal stock upto normative level for the year 2009-10 was assessed as 404 Million Tonne (MT) and the coal requirement for the year 2010-11 has been estimated as 444 Million Tonne. Against this requirement, the indigenous coal availability is expected to be 363 during the year 2009-10 and 388 Million Tonne during 2010-11, leaving a shortfall of 41 Million Tonne and 56 Million Tonne in the respective year. To bridge the gap, power utilities have been advised to import 28.7 Million Tonne (equivalent to 41 MT of domestic coal because of higher calorific value of imported coal) during 2009-10. It is also proposed to import coal to bridge the gap between its requirement and availability from domestic sources during the year 2010-11.