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ANSWERED ON

EFFECTS OF COAL QUALITY ON POWER GENERATION .

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

- (a) whether power generation is getting affected due to disproportionate size and quantity of coal;
- (b) if so, the places from where such coal is being supplied and the names of affected units; and
- (c) the measures being adopted to maintain power generation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a):While, the power generation is getting affected due to inadequate availability of coal, disproportionate size of coal in general does not have a direct impact on power generation. The oversized coal, however, leads to unloading problems at power stations including chocking of grizzly and damaging the Coal Handling Plant and delays in release of railways rakes leading to demurrage charges.

(b):The power utilities have reported receipt of oversized coal in the power stations from Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL), Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL), Eastern Coalfields Ltd.

(ECL) and Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL). The power plants which have reported receipt of oversized coal from these coalfields are given in Annex.

(c): The measures being taken to maintain generation of electricity include :

i)monitoring of coal supply to thermal power stations of Power Utilities on daily basis,

ii)reviewing and resolving the problems of coal supply to thermal power stations on weekly basis by an Inter-Ministerial Sub-Group under the aegis of Ministry of Coal.

iii)reviewing the coal production and supply to thermal power stations in the Infrastructure Constraints Review Committee headed by Secretary (Co-ordination), Cabinet Secretariat every month,

iv)import of coal by the Power Utilities to bridge the shortfall between requirement of coal and its availability from the domestic sources.