

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF POWER**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**SHORTAGE OF COAL AT NTPC PLANTS .**

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Will the Minister of COALPOWER be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government is aware that the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Ltd. is facing difficulties in the supply of coal to its plants thereby adversely affecting its performance;
- (b) if so, whether any review has been made by Government in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the decision taken by Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

( SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI )

(a) : National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited has incurred losses in generation owing to shortages of supply of coal also in the following stations. The details of losses in generation during April`10 – October`10 are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Power Station / Capacity	Generation Loss (MUs)
1	Kahalgaon (1340 MW)	2900
2	Rihand (2000 MW)	5
3	Farakka (1600 MW)	111
4	Vindhyachal (3260 MW)	230
5	Talcher (3000 MW)	313
6	Singrauli (2000 MW)	69
	Total	3628

(b) & (c):The matter of shortages of coal to the power stations and remedial measures is reviewed at various levels, the details of which are as in the following:

(i) An Infrastructure Constraints Review Committee, headed by Secretary (Co-ordination) in the Cabinet Secretariat, reviews the coal production and supply to thermal power stations in the country every month;

(ii) The Infrastructure Constraints Review Committee has an Inter-Ministerial Sub-group in the Ministry of Coal, consisting of the representatives of the Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Railways and Coal India Ltd., reviews every week to resolve the problems of coal supply to thermal power stations having coal stock below 7 days` requirement;

(iii) Fuel Infrastructure Committee, under the chairmanship of Member (Power), Planning Commission, regularly reviews the status of supply of fuel to power stations in the country.

(d) :It has been decided that in order to mitigate the shortages of coal in the power stations from indigenous sources, the power utilities are required to import 35 MT of coal out of which, NTPC is required to import 13.9 MT of coal.