

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF ATOMIC ENERGY**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 18.11.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**

**REDUCING THE PLF OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS .**

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Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu

Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Plant Load Factor (PLF) of Nuclear Power Plants has come down to 60 per cent during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by Government to meet the fuel shortage?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI V NARAYANASAMY)

(a)&(b) No, Sir. The Plant Load Factor (PLF) of nuclear power plants has gone up from 50% in the year 2008-09 to 61% in the year 2009-10 and further improved to 64% in the period April – October of the current year. The increase has been possible with improvement in domestic fuel supply and import of fuel for reactors under safeguards.

(c) The Government is making efforts to augment domestic fuel supplies by opening of new mines and processing facilities.