

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3525
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.04.2017**

CIL's coal supply to power sector

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that coal dispatch by Coal India Limited (CIL) to power sector had registered a negative growth between April, 2016 and January, 2017;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what has been the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the efforts made to fill the gap between demand and supply?

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MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER, NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

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(a) to (d) : During the period between April, 2016 and January, 2017, despatch of coal and coal products to Power sector from Coal India Limited (CIL) sources has been 344.53 Million Tonnes (Provisional) as compared to 338.19 MT achieved in corresponding period of 2015-16 thus, recording a growth of 1.9%. As the Thermal Power Plants (TPPs) had coal stock of 38.875 MT at the beginning of 2016-17, the TPPs regulated lifting of coal and preferred to consume coal from their stock for power generation. Sufficient coal is now available and there is no reported shortage of coal. Coal supplies to Power sector is monitored regularly by an Inter-Ministerial Sub-Group comprising representatives of Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Railways constituted by the Infrastructure Review Committee of Cabinet Secretariat and takes operational decisions for meeting any contingent situations including critical coal stock position. Moreover, a series of measures have been taken by CIL to make more coal available for power sector, such as, offer of coal under Special Forward e-Auction scheme exclusively for power sector, reduced reserve price & Earnest Money Deposit to make e-auctions attractive, no performance incentive on higher grades of coal (G1 to G5) and coal from cost plus mines of WCL.
