

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3606
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.04.2017

LOWERING OF COAL STOCKS BY THERMAL POWER PLANTS

3606. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH:

Will the Minister of **POWER**
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether thermal power stations are lowering the stock amount of coal used for electricity generation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the share of imported coal in power plants is also falling; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : The offtake of coal by the power stations is as per requirement based on the system demand and the stations getting despatch under merit order schedule. Power stations, therefore, sometimes regulate supply of coal to their plant. The coal stock position of the power plants, monitored in Central Electricity Authority (CEA), on a daily basis, as on last day of December, 2016, January, 2017, February 2017 and on 26.03.2017, is given at **Annex-I**.

(c) & (d): The Power Utilities are importing coal for blending with domestic coal as well as to meet the requirement of coal in the power plants designed on imported coal. With enhanced availability of domestic coal, the import of coal by power plants required for blending with domestic coal has been declining. However, plants designed on imported coal are importing coal to meet their coal requirement. During April, 2016 to February, 2017, the total import of coal was 60.7 Million Tonnes (MT) as against 74.7 MT during the corresponding period for the previous year, registering a reduction of 14.0 MT (-18.7%). The quantity of coal imported by power utilities during the last five years is given at **Annex-II**.

ANNEX-I

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3606 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON 03.04.2017.

The coal stock position of the power plants, as on last day of December, 2016, January, February 2017 and on 26.03.2017

Date	Total Coal Stock (Million Tonnes, MT)	Coal Stock (in days)
31.12.2016	21.18	15
31.01.2017	22.21	15
28.02.2017	26.15	17
26.03.2017	27.61	19

ANNEX-II

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3606 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON 03.04.2017.

The quantity of coal imported by power utilities during the last two years and the current year

Year	Coal imported for blending (MT)	Coal imported for the plants designed on imported coal (MT)	Total (MT)	% Change in Total Coal Import
2011-12	27.5	17.7	45.2	-
2012-13	31.6	31.7	63.3	40.0
2013-14	37.8	42.2	80.0	26.4
2014-15	48.5	42.7	91.2	14.0
2015-16	37.1	43.5	80.6	-11.6
2015-16 (Apr,15-Feb,16)	34.3	40.4	74.7	-
2016-17 (Apr,16.-Feb,17)	18.5	42.2	60.7	-18.7
