

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3675
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2018

INADEQUATE STOCK OF COAL AT POWER PLANT

3675. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:

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

- (a) whether with the onset of summer, the power plants are facing coal shortage with no or just one day's coal stock;
- (b) whether Coal India Limited (CIL) has not been able to meet the demand of power sector with 11 thermal power stations operating with less than a week's stock and about 14 such plants with less than four days' stock; and
- (c) whether an ideal coal stock position at power plants would call for 21 days stock of 30 million tonnes with additional 30 million tonnes ready for dispatch at the pithead?

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

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) & (b) : As on 21.03.2018, as per coal stock data furnished by power plants to Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and as per norms of CEA, there were 12 Thermal Power Stations (TPSs) having critical coal stock (less than 7 days) and 15 TPSs, having supercritical coal stock (less than 4 days).

During the current year 2017-18 (upto February, 2018), the despatch of coal from CIL to power plants was 411.3 Million Tonnes (MT), as against 383.8 MT supplied during the same period last year, thus showing a growth of 7.2%.

Due to several measures taken by the Government, the availability of coal in power plants have improved. The overall coal stock position in the coal based power plants have increased from 7.3 MT, as on 19.10.2017 to 15.84 MT, as on 21.03.2018 which is sufficient to meet the requirement for 10 days.

(c) : The norms for number of days of coal stock to be kept in the power plant depends on the distance of the power plant from the mine-head and should be as per norms given **at Annex**.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3675 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON 27.03.2018.

The norms for number of days of coal stock

Distance of Power Plant	Number of Days of Stock
Pit-head Station	15
Upto 500 kms away from Coal Mine	20
Upto 1,000 kms away from Coal Mine	25
Beyond 1,000 kms away from Coal Mine	30

The average number of days for which the coal stock is to be maintained for all the CEA monitored 114 power plants is 22 days.
