

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3677
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2018

COAL SHORTAGE IN POWER PLANTS

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

- (a) the stipulated stock level of coal (in tonnes) that is required to be maintained in thermal power plants;
- (b) whether thermal power plants have been unable to maintain the required stock level of coal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the stock level of coal in thermal power plants since 2014, month-wise;
- (d) whether power plants have shut down due to poor availability of coal; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the number of power plants that have been shut down since 2014?

A N S W E R

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

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) : 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-I**.

(b) to (e) : 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 Million Tonnes (MT) as on 19.10.2017 to 15.84 MT as on 21.03.2018 which is sufficient to meet the requirement of Thermal Power Stations (TPSs) for 10 days. The details of month-wise coal stock position for linkage based TPSs since year 2014 are at **Annex-II**. None of the thermal power plants have reported shut down due to coal shortage since 2014.

ANNEX-I

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3677 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.

ANNEX-II

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3677 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON 27.03.2018.

Coal stock position as on last day of the month

(Figs in '000 Tonnes)

Sl. No.	Month	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1	Jan	18023	16598	34729	22213	14477
2	Feb	19059	20624	36157	26154	15675
3	Mar	20291	26103	38874	27737	15843 (As on 21.03.18)
4	Apr	18092	29761	35917	23474	
5	May	15383	29714	32649	17719	
6	Jun	12425	30454	30505	17109	
7	Jul	9819	30319	30348	16899	
8	Aug	8990	30082	28424	11869	
9	Sep	8581	25945	22783	8489	
10	Oct	8375	23506	18972	7866	
11	Nov	10845	26978	19684	10249	
12	Dec	13970	31049	21183	13199	
