

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1804  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.12.2018**

**Increase in supply to power sector.**

**1804. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI:**

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

- (a) whether Coal India claims to have increased supplies to the power sector by nine per cent between 1 April to 12 October, 2018;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether increased demand for coal has forced some 11,500 MW generation capacity to remain idle for several days;
- (d) whether 3,300 MW generation capacity has been lying idle due to lack of power purchase agreements; and
- (e) if so, the steps Ministry is taking to improve the coal supply to the power plants and to conclude power purchase agreements so that plants do not remain idle?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) & (b): Yes sir. In 2018-19 (up to 12.10.2018), coal supply of 247.69 Million Tonnes (MT) has been made by Coal India Limited (CIL) to the Power sector, thereby achieving a growth of more than 9.4% over the supply of 226.39 MT in the corresponding period of last year same period.

(c). The programme for coal based power generation in 2018-19 (April-Nov) was 663.60 BU , against which actual generation was 658 BU. Further, the generation by domestic coal based plants was 605.01 BU, which was 101% of programme generation. Therefore, sufficient coal was provided to the coal based power plants to generate power as per programme.

(d) & (e): As per Central Electricity Authority (CEA), 2576 MW capacity has been affected due to no Power Purchase Agreement. The steps taken by Government to improve coal supply to the power plants and to conclude power purchase agreement is as under:

- i. SHAKTI Scheme: The Government has approved a new coal linkage allocation policy in May 2017, named SHAKTI (Scheme for harnessing

& allocating koyla (coal) transparently in India) for allocation of coal to various categories of power plants. So far, 35,655 MW capacity has been allocated coal linkage under various categories.

- ii. Pilot project for procurement of 2500 MW: In order to address the problem of lack of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) in the country, Ministry of Power has notified a scheme for procurement of 2500 MW on competitive basis for a period of 3 years from the generators with commissioned projects having untied capacity.
- iii. The Power Houses in close vicinity of the coalfields are advised to move coal through road mode.
- iv. For proper utilization of goods sheds, the power houses are advised to move coal through road-cum-rail mode.
- v. The captive modes of transport like MGR, Belts, Ropes are fully utilized to their capacity to move coal to the concerned units.

As a result of the steps taken for augmentation of supplies, as per CEA report, coal stocks at Power House end have improved from 12.92 MT on 25.12.2017 to 15.86 MT as on 25.12.2018 thereby registering an increase of 22.75 %.

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