

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 537
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2018

Coal stocks in power plants

537. SHRI MAJEED MEMON:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the shortfall in production as well as transportation issues have affected the coal stocks in power plants across the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the country would need 615 million tones of coal in 2018-19; and
- (c) if so, the manner in which Government proposes to fill up the gap between the requirement of supply of 288 rakes per day through Railways to the current supply of 270.8 rakes per day?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COAL AND RAILWAYS
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Adequate coal is available for Power Houses linked with Coal India Limited (CIL). As a result of the steps taken for augmentation of supplies, stock at Power House end have improved from 9.48 Million Tonnes (MT) on 22.10.2018 to 14.44 MT as on 10.12.2018. The increased dispatch has helped coal based power generation to achieve a positive growth of 5.50 % during April-Nov 2018 as compared to the same period of last year and coal based generation has been 99.16% of the programme. Further, the overall PLF during this period has also grown by 4.0 % in comparison to the average PLF achieved during the same period of last year.

As per CEA report, there has been reduction in the total coal import by imported coal based power plants during April-Oct 2018 from a level of 24 MT (2017-18) to 22.27 MT (2018-19).

(b): As per the target provided by Ministry of Power for the year 2018-19, total coal requirement of Power Sector from Domestic sources is stated to be 615 MT (out of which CIL 513 MT, SCCL 53 MT, E-auction 12 MT and Captive mines 37 MT) for the current fiscal.

(c): In the month of November 2018, Coal India Limited has supplied a total of 282.0 rakes/day against the requirement of 288 rakes/day through Railways. In the month of December 2018(till 9th Dec), total supply of 286.8 rakes/day has been achieved against the above stated requirement. With the upcoming production months ahead, CIL is geared up to fulfill the requirement and narrow down the requirement and supply gap.
