

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*5
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021**

Effect of rain on coal production

***5. SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:**

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coal production is affected by rain;
- (b) if so, the extent of effect it had on current year's production; and
- (c) whether it had any effect on power plants, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES

(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.5 for answer on 29.11.2021 asked by SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

(a): Yes, raw coal production by the coal companies gets affected by rain.

(b) : Heavy rainfall in catchment areas of coal companies during June to September 2021 affected the coal production of Coal India Limited (CIL), which is the largest supplier of domestic coal. The growth in coal production by CIL in the months of June, July, August and September 2021 as compared to same periods of last year was 2.0%, 14.0%, 14.6% and 0.4% respectively. Thus, growth in coal production in June and September was very less mainly on account of unprecedented rainfall in the months of June and September. Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) also lost about 0.45 MT of coal production due to heavy rains.

(c) The coal transportation and coal loading gets effected due to heavy rainfall in catchment areas of coal companies. CIL and SCCL despatched about 127.31 MT and 13.86 MT coal respectively to Thermal Power Plants (TPPs) in the first quarter of this year whereas about 118.27 MT and 12.07 MT respectively was supplied in the second quarter of this year.
