

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.30
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021**

Shortage of coal

30. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the coal shortage across the 135 thermal power plants in the country with 80 per cent of them having less than eight days of stock left, pushing the country into an electricity crisis;
- (b) if so, the course of action Government took to prevent this crisis; and
- (c) the present situation of the coal shortage and electricity crisis?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES

(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): The coal stock at 136 number of power plants of 166109 MW capacity which are linked to coal companies is 16.63 Million Tonnes (MT) as on 24.11.21 and is sufficient for 9 days requirement.

(b): The coal stock at power plants has increased from 7.2 MT as on 08.10.21 to 16.63 MT as on 24.11.21. The coal stock at CIL pithead end was 40.23 MT as on 08.10.2021 and 32.30 MT as on 24.11.2021. There is neither power crisis nor coal shortage.

(c): The coal supply to power plants in the month of November 2021 is more than the consumption, resulting in increase in coal stock at power plants end. This trend is likely to continue in the coming months.
