

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
RAJYA SABHA
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IMPACT OF SHORTAGE OF COAL ON ELECTRICITY GENERATION

313 # SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

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

- (a) whether the generation of electricity has declined due to the shortage of coal in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government to resolve this problem?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) : No, Sir. In fact the coal based generation has increased from 256.7 Billion Units (BU) during 2021-22 (April-June) to 307.9 Billion Units (BU) during 2022-23 (April-June), registering a growth of about 20%.

(b) : The Central Government has taken the following steps to ensure coal supply to power plants for unhindered power generation:-

- (i) An Inter-Ministerial Sub Group comprising of representatives from Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Railways, Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) meet regularly to take various operational decisions to enhance supply of coal to thermal power plants as well as for meeting any contingent situations relating to Power Sector including to alleviate critical coal stock position in power plants.
- (ii) For augmentation of coal supply and power generation capacity, a Secretary level Inter-Ministerial committee has been set up to ensure that the medium and long term requirements of coal are met. The IMC comprises of Chairman Railway Board, Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Secretary, Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change as members and Secretary, Ministry of Power as convener.
- (iii) Ministry of Power has advised power plants to maintain adequate coal in their power plant to meet the demand of electricity.
