

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2111  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023**

**Supply of coal**

**2111. Shri Raghav Chadha:**

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

- (a) the details of quantity of coal supplied to the State of Punjab by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries in last twelve months, the month-wise details thereof;
- (b) the quantum of coal supplied to the State of Punjab through the “Direct Rail Mode” in the last twelve months;
- (c) reasons behind low coal supply to the State of Punjab despite high power demands; and
- (d) steps taken by Government to ensure flawless supply of coal to Punjab during summers, followed by Kharif season?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES  
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)**

**(a) & (b):** The month wise details of the coal supplied to the Power Plants situated in the State of Punjab and the supply through “Direct Rail Mode” from March, 2022 to February, 2023 is as under:

Month	[In Million Tonne (MT)]	
	Total Despatch	Despatch through Direct Rail
March, 2022	1.74	1.06
April, 2022	1.89	1.17
May, 2022	1.95	1.39
June, 2022	2.04	1.39
July, 2022	2.04	1.18
August, 2022	1.42	0.93
September, 2022	1.27	0.87
October, 2022	1.49	0.96
November, 2022	1.57	1.06
December, 2022	1.82	1.23
January, 2023	1.89	1.29
February, 2023	1.68	1.18

**(c):** In the last 12 months, Coal India Limited has supplied coal of 20.80 MT against the commitment of 18.55 MT, thereby achieving a materialization of 112% to the Punjab based Power Plants.

**(d):** Pachhwarra Central coal mine with a Peak Rated Capacity of 7 MTPA has been allocated to Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) under the provisions of CM (SP) Act, 2015 and the coal production from the mine is 0.255 MT for the Financial Year 2022-23 (upto February, 2023). PSPCL needs to ensure evacuation of the coal produced in its captive mine to its Power Plants.

Supply of coal to the power plants is a continuous process. To address the issues of coal supplies to Power Sector, 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.

In addition to this, an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) has been constituted comprising of Chairman, Railway Board; Secretary, Ministry of Coal; Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Secretary, Ministry of Power; to monitor augmentation of coal supply and power generation capacity. Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and Chairperson, CEA are co-opted as Special Invitees as and when required by the IMC. Coal dispatch from the captive coal blocks is also being monitored regularly.

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