

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF POWER

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**FEATURES OF THE PRAKASH PORTAL**

**1584 # SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:**

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

- (a) whether through the PRAKASH portal Government has planned to establish better coordination of coal supply between the Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal, Coal India Limited, Railways and Power Services;
- (b) if so, the details regarding the features of this portal; and
- (c) the details of benefits from coordination among all departments through this portal?

**A N S W E R**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

**(a) to (c) :** The PRAKASH (Power Rail Koyla Availability through Supply Harmony) portal was launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019 for better coordination for coal supplies among all stakeholders viz Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal, Coal India, Railways and power utilities.

The Portal was designed to help in mapping and monitoring entire coal supply chain i.e., from Coal Stock at supply end (mines), coal quantities/ rakes planned, coal quantity in transit and coal availability at power generating station by sourcing data from different stakeholders such as Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS) and coal companies.

Subsequently, National Power Portal (NPP) was developed and all power sector data is available at this platform. Requirement of coal related data is now being met from NPP.

Coordination among the stakeholders helps in better planning of coal movement and availability of coal at power plants. Further, to address the issues of coal supplies to power sector, an Inter-Ministerial Sub Group comprising of representatives from Ministries 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.

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