

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2672  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2016**

**“Distance between Coal Mines and Thermal Power Plants”**

**2672. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:**

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has decided to reduce the distance between coal mines to thermal power stations from 750 to 500 kilometers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**A N S W E R**

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR COAL, POWER, NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
AND MINES**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a):** No, Madam.

**(b):** Does not arise in view of the answer at (a).

**(c):** The electricity generation is a delicensed activity under the Electricity Act, 2003 and accordingly, the power plant developers establish the power plant at a location based on economic consideration and grid conditions.

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