GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COAL LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.163 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2.2.2017

"Achievement of Target for Sale of Coal"

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of target fixed for the sale of coal by Coal India Limited (CIL) during the current financial year;

(b) whether CIL has achieved the target fixed for the first three quarters and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard so as to achieve the target for the last quarter and to produce better quality of coal for supply to power companies ?

<u>A N S W E R</u>

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C), IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER, NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

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(a), (b) & (c): The target for sale of coal by Coal India Limited (CIL) during the current financial year is fixed at 598.61 Million Tonnes (MT). Offtake performance in the three quarters of the current year i.e. up to 31.12.2016, has been 391.78 Million Tonnes (Provisional) against the target of 433.98 MT. Offtake performance has been affected due to heavy rains in a few coalfields in August, 2016 & September, 2016, intermittent law and order problems in some pockets of coal production, consumption of coal by power plants from their opening stocks and some plants occasionally regulating coal lifting. Coal supplies to Power sector is monitored regularly by an inter-Ministerial Sub-Group comprising representatives of Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal, Shipping, NITI, CIL, NTPC, CEA and Ministry of Railways constituted by the Infrastructure Review Committee of Cabinet Secretariat. This Sub-Group takes various operational decisions for meeting any contingent situations relating to Power sector including critical coal stock position for power plants. To increase offtake of coal stock, many steps including the following have been taken by the coal company. Coal is offered under various eauction schemes for power sector and non-power sector consumers, reserve price for auction has been reduced, extension of "as is, where is" scheme for power utility sector where coal lifting is by consumers through their own logistics for 2016-17, supply of higher grades of coal (G1 to G5) and cost plus mines of WCL have been excluded from calculation of Performance Incentive.