

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2534
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2018**

Shortage of Coal

2534. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh (AP) has requested for provision of four more coal rakes from Mahanadi Coal Fields to meet the shortage of thermal production from Krishnapatnam in Nellore district, if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon;

(b) whether some thermal stations in AP are facing lot of difficulties due to lack of coal supply and consequent impact on production and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to tide over the difficulties so far in AP to meet the actual demand of rakes also;

(d) the reasons for short supply of coal to Andhra Pradesh power based station; and

(e) the other steps being taken by the Government to supply atleast 80,000 tonnes of coal to these stations in future for Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) : Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) has not received any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for supply of four more rakes to power plant located at Krishnapatnam in Nellore district. However, Andhra Pradesh Power Development Company Limited (APDCL) *vide* letter dated 18.12.2017 has requested Chief Freight Traffic Manager, East Coast Railways, Bhubaneswar for allocation of 2.5 rakes per day to Sri Damodaram Sanjeevaiah Thermal Power Station for evacuation of washed coal from washery receiving coal from MCL.

(b) : Coal stock at some of the power plants in Andhra Pradesh slipped below seven days for some period due to the fact that some power Gencos had preferred to consume coal from their piled up stock and had regulated their coal intake in 2016-17 and in the initial months of this fiscal. Details of coal receipt, consumption and PLF of these power plants during 2017-18 (April – November, 2017) are as under:

Plant	Receipt (MT)			Consumption (MT)	PLF (%)	Stock as on 27.12.2017	
	Domestic	Imported	Total			(in thousand Tonnes)	In Days
Dr. N. Tata Rao TPS	5.01	0.00	5.01	5.40	66	163.35	9
Rayalseema TPS	3.06	0.00	3.06	3.26	71	46.38	3
Damodaram Sanjeevaiah TPS	1.54	0.17	1.71	1.79	33	176.94	13

(c): Coal supply to power plants is monitored regularly by an Inter-Ministerial Sub-Group comprising representatives of Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Railways, Central Electricity Authority and Coal India Limited constituted by the Infrastructure Review Committee of Cabinet Secretariat. The Sub-Group in its meeting dated 05.12.2017 has decided to supply additional 1 rake/day to Andhra Pradesh from SCCL. Further, in its meeting held on 12.12.2017, it was decided to supply 5.5 rakes/day (4.0 rakes/day from MCL and 1.5 rakes/day from SCCL) to Dr. N. Tata Rao TPS and 5.5 rakes/day (1.5 rakes/day from MCL and 4.0 rakes/day from SCCL) to Rayalseema TPS. It has been decided to supply coal from MCL to Sri Damodaram Sanjeevaiah TPS as per delivery order.

(d): Due to spurt in demand for thermal power arising out of drop in power generation from other sources, like nuclear, hydro and wind energy during the 2nd quarter of 2017-18, there was consumption by the power plants from their coal stock. Unusual heavy monsoon in mine areas also affected production, loading at mines and transportation of coal.

The total coal stock available with the power plants of APGENCO and APPDCL on last day of last three months and as on 27.12.2017 are as under (all figures are in '000 tonnes):

Plant	Stock as on 30.09.2017	Stock as on 31.10.2017	Stock as on 30.11.2017	Stock as on 27.12.2017
Dr. N. Tata Rao TPS	31.96	38.94	18.14	163.35
Rayalseema TPS	109.83	24.81	28.66	46.38
Damodaram Sanjeevaiah TPS	11.85	63.62	57.17	176.94
Total Stock	153.64	127.37	103.97	386.67

(e): Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) [SLC (LT)] recommended for grant of coal linkage from CIL to the following three upcoming TPPs of APGENCO as per the provisions under para 1(B) (i) of SHAKTI Policy, for issuance of LOA:

Sr. No.	Name of the power plant recommended for grant of Coal Linkage as per SLC (LT) dated 21.08.2017	Name of the Developer	Location of the Plant
1	Rayalseema U-6 100 MW	APGENCO	Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh
2	NTTPS St-V (1x800MW)		Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
3	Damodaram Sanjeevaiah St-II (1x800 MW)		Krishnapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Supply from MCL to the power houses is based upon Annual Contracted Quantity and the provisions of Fuel Supply Agreements. MCL has taken up with the local Railways i.e. E.Co. Railways & SEC Railways for augmenting rake supply for raw coal as well as washed coal.
