

**Government of India
Ministry of Coal
Lok Sabha
Unstarred Question No. 2686
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Vacancy in Coal India

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the post of CMD of Coal India Limited is lying vacant since August, 2017;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the post would be filled up; and
- (d) the steps taken to bridge the gap between demand and supply of coal to power projects which are demanding regular supply of coal to the power projects in the country?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a), (b) & (c): The post of Chairman-cum Managing Director of Coal India Limited is vacant w.e.f 1st Sep'17 after Shri Sutirtha Bhattacharya superannuated from the service from 31st Aug'17 (After Noon).

With the approval of the Appointment Committee of Cabinet, Ministry of Coal vide its letter No. 21/17/2017-BA dated 1st September'2017 has entrusted the additional charge of CMD, CIL to Shri Gopal Singh, CMD, CCL with immediate effect for a period of 6 months or till the appointment of a regular incumbent to the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

Meanwhile, Government has constituted a Search-cum-Selection Committee on 23rd Sep'17 for selecting a suitable candidate for the the post of CMD, CIL. Accordingly, the said post has been advertised in the Employment News dated 9-15 Dec'2017 inviting applications for appointment of CMD, CIL. The last date for receipt of applications is 5th January 2018. Selection is to be made thereafter.

(d): In addition to the monitoring mechanism available at coal companies and CIL, coal supplies to Power Utility sector is monitored regularly by an inter-Ministerial Sub-Group comprising representatives of Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal 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.

Due to the above coordinated efforts of Ministry of Coal, Coal India Limited and Railways supplies to Power Sector have stepped up. In fact, coal supplies to Power Sector from CIL grew by 20%, 19%, 17% and 9% during the months of August, 2017, September, 2017, October, 2017 & November, 2017 respectively as compared to the supplies during the same months during the last year. As a result of increased dispatch, the stock at Power House increased from 7.3 Million tonnes as on 19.10.2017 to 12.91 Million tonnes as on 26.12.2017.