

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *173
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018**

Supply of Coal to Power Stations

***173. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:**

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to supply coal to power stations near mines through piped conveyor belt system in the near future and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether this move will check dust pollution caused during coal transportation by trucks to such plants and freeing up railway rakes for supplies to far away units; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COAL AND RAILWAYS

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

A statement is laid on the table of the house.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question no. 173 for 07.03.2018

(a) : **Yes Sir. It has** been decided that all Power Plants located within 20 km from Pithead shall construct elevated closed belt conveyer within next 2 years (up to 1st April 2020).

(b) : Yes Sir. This move will check dust pollution and free up railway rakes for supplies to far away power plants.

(c) : As informed by Coal India Limited, there are 25 power plants (within 20 KM) covered under FSA, LOA, Bridge Linkage, Shakti, Forward auction etc with installed capacity of 21850 MW. The Annual Contracted Quantity (ACQ) of the thermal power plants, located within 20 km from nearest mine and not having any captive mode of transportation, works out to be around 19.5 Million Tonne.
