

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3049  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.3.2018**

**Coal Requirement**

**3049. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:**

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the current requirement of coal for power plants in the country including Gujarat;
- (b) if so, whether the required quantity is being supplied to these power plants in the States, particularly in Gujarat;
- (c) if not, the reasons for inadequate supply of coal to these power plants; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a):** During the process of formulation of Annual Plan, Ministry of Coal/Niti Ayog assesses overall demand of the country, including demand for power sector. Central Electricity Authority assesses the requirement of coal for power plants in the country in the beginning of financial year based on the generation target during the year. As per the assessment, based on the generation target, the total domestic coal requirement for Gujarat Gencos would be 10.53 Million Tonnes (MT).

The receipt of the coal by the power plants of Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Ltd. (GSECL) during Apr-Jan 2018 is as under:

**(Figs in '000Tonnes)**

S. No.	Name of TPS	Receipt		Total
		Domestic	Imported	
1	GANDHI NAGAR TPS	1635	208	1843
2	SIKKA REP. TPS	-	1066	1066
3	UKAI TPS	3009	310	3319
4	WANAKBORI TPS	3417	103	3520
<b>Total</b>		<b>8061</b>	<b>1687</b>	<b>9748</b>

**(b) & (c):** CIL makes all efforts to meet the requirements of Power Sector in the Country. The Production and dispatch plan is also prepared keeping the same in view. However, many of the power stations of the country opted to restrict the coal supplies from the Coal Companies during major part of the last year and in the initial months of this fiscal. The total stock at the power stations' end which was 38.87 MT in the beginning of 2016-17 had reduced to about 27.74 MT by the end of 2016-17, while pithead coal stock with CIL increased from 57.64 MT to 68.42 MT during the same period. The Coal supply to power plants in the State of Gujarat has increased to 15.71 MT (31%) during April 2017 - February 2018 in comparison to 11.98 MT over the corresponding period in 2016-17.

**(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 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.

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