

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4428
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018**

SHORTAGE OF COAL FOR POWER PLANTS

**†4428. SHRI SHER SINGH GHUBAYA:
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:**

**Will the Minister of POWER
be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the power plants in the country are facing acute shortage of coal, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the power plants at Badarpur, Bhatinda and Panki have been closed down due to the shortage of coal;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the coal supply to the power plants is likely to be improved; and**
- (d) the detailed reasons for unavailability of coal in the power plants?**

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**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER AND
NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY**

(SHRI R. K. SINGH)

(a) : Due to several measures taken by the Government, the availability of coal in power plants have improved. The overall coal stock position in the coal based power plants have increased from 7.3 Million Tonnes (MT) as on 19.10.2017 to 15.7 MT as on 18.03.2018, which is sufficient to meet the requirement for 10 days.

(b) to (d) : No, Madam. Power plants at Badarpur, Bhatinda and Panki are not generating power due to reasons other than shortage of coal.
