

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5364
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.3.2018**

Dispatch of Coal

5364. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the dispatch of coal by Coal India Limited (CIL) to its consumers in various sectors including power through road in April-October went up by 12 million tonnes and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Coal India had offered to supply the fuel to plants located at shorter distance by road from the available pit head stock, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government had launched Grahak Sadak Koyla Vitran App in a bid to benefit customers of CIL lifting coal through road; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): In 2017-18 (till 31.10.2017), the movement of coal through road mode was about 93 Million Tonne (MT), which is about 29% of the total coal dispatch of 317 MT from sources of Coal India Limited (CIL). The coal dispatch through road during the current fiscal of 2017-18 (till 31.10.2017) increased by about 12 MT over the dispatch of 81 MT during the corresponding period of 2016-17.

(b): In order to meet the coal requirement of power houses, the subsidiary companies of CIL have offered coal through road mode from available pithead stock to the power plants which are located within 50 km to 60 km from the nearest mines.

(c) & (d): On 01.11.2017, CIL has launched the '*Grahak Sadak Koyla Vitaran*' App aimed at benefiting customers who are supplied coal by road. The App is a tool to monitor the coal dispatch and to ensure fairness in dispatch by following the principle of 'First in, First Out'. The App keeps track of all the activities viz. from issuance of Sale Order to physical delivery of coal by road.

The main benefits of the App for the customers include easy accessibility of the information at the click of button, apart from transparency in the system of loading programme and dispatch. The App also helps customers in planning of logistics for lifting of coal in tune with the loading programmes. It further helps in

improved planning of procurement, production and stock management by the customers. It provides date-wise, truck-wise quantity of coal delivered against the Sale Orders and information related to Scheme-wise, Colliery-wise, Grade-wise, customer-wise details of Sale Orders issued during a period. In terms of loading, it provides allotment and lifting status in detail from different sources by truck and summary of the coal dispatch.
