

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1299
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.7.2018**

Inter-Ministerial Task Force

1299.

SHRIMATI KAVITHA KALVAKUNTLA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Task Force (IMTF) to undertake a comprehensive review of existing coal sources of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) having linkages and consider the feasibility for rationalisation of these sources with a view to optimize transportation cost;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the methodology for linkage rationalisation of power producers has been accepted by the Government recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COAL & FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. An Inter-Ministerial Task Force (IMTF) was constituted in July, 2017 to undertake a comprehensive review of existing coal sources of IPPs having linkages and consider the feasibility for rationalization of these sources with a view to optimize transportation cost given the various technical constraints. The underlying objective behind the exercise was to reduce the landed cost of coal due to reduction in transportation cost.

(c) & (d): The methodology for linkage rationalization for IPPs has been accepted by the Government and the same has been circulated on 15.05.2018 to the CIL/SCCL to implement the methodology.
