

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3746
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2018**

FUEL SHORTAGE

**†3746. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:**

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

- (a) whether several thermal power plants in the country are struggling with the problem of shortage of coal, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the transportation of coal is getting impacted due to the shortage in the required number of wagons, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the production at thermal power plants is not getting affected due to this problem;**
- (d) whether the coal is not being supplied to several thermal power plants in Delhi like Badarpur, Jhajjar and Dadri in full quantity; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by the Government in this regard?**

A N S W E R

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

(SHRI R. K. SINGH)

(a) to (e): As the growth in supply of coal to power sector by domestic coal companies including captive mines have been around 15.1% during the current year 2018-19 (upto June 18), the power plants in the country have been able to meet the electricity demand in the country and also improve the coal stock from 7.26 MT as on 19.10.2017 to 15.95 MT as on 01.08.2018.

There is consistent growth in the coal based generation during 2018-19 as compared to previous year. The cumulative generation growth during April-June, 2018 as compared to same period last year was 5.3%.

The number of plants with critical (coal stock less than 7 days)/ super critical coal stock (coal stock less than 4 days) has also reduced from 30 as on 01.04.2018 to 11 as on 01.08.2018.

Domestic coal companies have been supplying coal to the power plants in Delhi. The status of coal stock available at the Badarpur, Jhajjar and Dadri thermal power plants, as on 01.08.2018 is given at Annex.

The coal supply to the power plants and coal stock position is regularly monitored by Ministry of Power (MoP), Ministry of Coal (MoC) & Ministry of Railways (MoR) at the highest level. Secretary (MoP), Secretary (MoC) and the Member (Traffic), Ministry of Railways monitor the coal supply position. Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) of Power & NRE has also taken meetings to review the coal supply position. An Inter-Ministerial Sub-Group comprising representatives of Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Railways, CEA, Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) monitors the coal supply position on weekly basis. Based on the decision taken in the meeting, CIL/SCCL augment supply of coal and the Railways supply adequate number of rakes to the power plants having less coal stock.

ANNEX

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3746 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2018.

Daily coal requirement and coal stock available at the Badarpur, Jhajjar and Dadri thermal power plants, as on 01.08.2018

Plant Name	Daily Requirement (in '000T)	Stock (in '000T)
Badarpur	6.05	11.70
Jhajjar	12.87	94.81
Dadri	17.25	39.51
