

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.442
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2018**

COAL SHORTAGE IN POWER PLANTS

†442. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether presently there is a shortage of coal in the various power plants of the country particularly in Badarpur, Jhajjar and Dadri power plants;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether a possibility of power crisis has been predicted in many States of the country particularly in Delhi, due to shortage of coal; and**
- (d) if so, the details of the effective steps taken by the Government to tackle this problem?**

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

(SHRI R. K. SINGH)

(a) & (b) : As on 12.07.2018, the total coal stock available at 117 power plants monitored in Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on daily basis, was 15.2 Million Tonnes (MT) which is sufficient to run the power plants for an average of 10 days. The status of coal stock available at the Badarpur, Jhajjar and Dadri thermal power plants, as on 12.07.2018 is given at Annex.

(c) & (d) : As the growth in supply of coal to power sector by domestic coal companies including captive mine have been around 16% during the current year 2018-19 (upto May 18), the power plants 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 15.2 MT as on 12.07.2018. Thus, at present, no power crisis has been predicted in the country.

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 a weekly basis. Based on the decisions 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) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 442 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 19.07.2018.

Daily coal requirement and coal stock available at the Badarpur, Jhajjar and Dadri thermal power plants, as on 12.07.2018

Plant Name	Daily Requirement (in '000T)	Stock (in '000T)	Stock (in Days)
Badarpur	6.05	22.79	4
Jhajjar	12.87	89.3	7
Dadri	19.46	46.98	2
