

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.65
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018**

Coal for Thermal Plants

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of thermal power plants in the country including Chhattisgarh and the quantity of coal required annually to run these plants;
- (b) the goal set and achieved for coal production company-wise during the current year and the last three years;
- (c) the reasons for not achieving the goal during the said period;
- (d) whether the Government has launched any scheme to increase the production of coal; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COAL, FINANCE & CORPORATE AFFAIRS
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a): As on 30.06.2018, there are total 267 thermal power plants in the country which include plants based on Coal/Lignite, Gas and Diesel. Out of these, 28 thermal power plants are in the State of Chhattisgarh. The estimated quantity of coal required during 2018-19 based on the generation target by the coal based thermal power plants in the country for 2018-19 is 656 Million Tonnes (MT) including about 74 MT by the coal based power plants in Chhattisgarh.

(b): The target and actual coal production of Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries for the last three years and the current year are as follows:

(Figures in MT)

Coal Company	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target 2018-19	Target (1 st Qtr.)	Actual (1 st Qtr.)
ECL	42.13	40.21	46.94	40.52	47.00	43.57	46.76	10.75	11.00
BCCL	35.85	35.86	37.00	37.04	40.50	32.61	38.00	8.74	7.67
CCL	60.60	61.32	67.00	67.04	70.50	63.40	68.70	15.80	11.44
NCL	78.10	80.22	82.00	84.10	89.00	93.02	95.00	21.85	24.60
WCL	45.10	44.82	48.00	45.63	48.50	46.22	49.70	11.43	9.64
SECL	137.00	137.93	149.67	140.00	153.80	144.71	159.50	36.69	39.95
MCL	150.00	137.90	167.00	139.21	150.00	143.06	151.50	34.85	32.45
NEC	1.22	0.49	1.00	0.60	0.70	0.78	0.84	0.19	0.12
CIL	550.00	538.75	598.61	554.13	600.00	567.36	610.00	140.30	136.87

(c): Reasons for non-achievement of target by Coal India Limited is mainly because of problems in land acquisition, delay in obtaining Forest Clearance & Environmental Clearance, Rehabilitation & Resettlement issues, evacuation constraint & local Law & Order problems.

(d)& (e): The progress of production of CIL is reviewed regularly. CIL has been directed to work out a definite action plan to ensure higher production and offtake in future. CIL has also been directed to ensure that necessary clearances for the existing coal mines are in place which will help in increasing the coal production in the short/medium term and also operationalizing the newly allocated coal mines for further increasing production in the medium term. New rail lines are being laid for smooth evacuation of increased coal production from the mines of growing coalfields of SECL, MCL and CCL.
