

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1401  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2018

Stock of Coal

1401. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the main reasons for shortage in coal production in the country;
- (b) whether the number of non-pitched plants that have either 'critical' or 'super critical' stock of coal has risen during the last six months and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any measures to increase the production of coal by Coal India to help ameliorate the coal shortage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COAL AND RAILWAYS  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

**(a):**As on 1.04.2018 the vendible stock of coal with CIL was 55.6 MT and as on 15.12.2018 coal stock was 22.93 MT with CIL. All India raw coal production has increased from 565.77 MT in 2013-14 to 676.48 MT in 2017-18. The all India coal production during April-Nov. 2018 was 433.90 MT with a growth of 9.8% over the corresponding period of the previous year 2017-18.

**(b):** There is no shortage of coal, by and large, for the power sector. The number of non-pithead super critical/ critical plants has come down from 18 (as on 01.06.2018) to 13 (as on 11.12.2018) as per CEA report. Criticality of a power plant is not a function of coal supply alone & depends on multiple factors including installed capacity of power plants & scheduling of power from these plants based on merit order dispatch.

As per Central Electricity authority (CEA) report during the period April-Nov 2018, total coal based generation has been 99.16% of the programme generation with a growth of 5.50% over the corresponding period of last year. This has been possible due to increased supply of coal to the power sector which was resulted in 15.52 Million Tonnes (MT) coal stock at power house end as on 16.12.2018 as against the stock of 12.20 MT on 16.12.2017 thereby registering an increase of 27.20%.

**(c)&(d):**There has been a consistent effort to increase domestic coal production. Coal India Limited (CIL) has increased its production from 462.41 MT in 2013-14 to 567.36 MT in 2017-18 (four years), an absolute increase of 105 MT as compared to increase of coal production of 31.15 MT between 2009-10 and 2013-14 (four years).

Further, in the current year during April-November, 2018, the coal production of CIL was 358.32 MT with a growth rate of 8.8% over the corresponding period of previous year. However, the focus of the Government is on increasing the domestic production of coal which includes efforts to expedite Environment & Forest clearances expeditiously, pursuing with State Government for assistance in land acquisition and coordinated efforts with Railways for movement of coal.

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