

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1625
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2018**

FUEL FOR POWER GENERATION

†1625. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

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

- (a) whether out of the total, the 90% of electricity is generated from coal in the country, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether use of electricity generated from coal increases pollution, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to take any step to minimize pollution; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

A N S W E R

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

(SHRI R. K. SINGH)

(a) : The quantum of electricity generated from coal based power stations is about 70.12% of total electricity generated in the country during the current year 2018-19 (April-November, 2018).

(b) to (d) : The coal based generation does emit some pollutants. The emissions are regulated by the environmental pollution norms specified by the Ministry of Environment & Forest and Climate Change (MOEF&CC) from time to time. Based on the latest stipulation on pollution norms, the Government has prepared a plan for installation of additional pollution control equipment in a phased manner during 2018-22 in existing and new coal based generating stations to control pollution. In order to reduce the reliance on fossil fuel, the Government has also planned to add 175 GW generation capacity by 2022 from renewable energy source.
