

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2346
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.12.2018**

TRANSPORTATION OF COAL

2346. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total daily requirement of rakes for transportation of coal to power generation plants across the country, including Maharashtra;**
- (b) the actual dispatches of rakes against the target set for the first six months of financial year 2018-19;**
- (c) whether there is any demand-supply mismatch of rakes for coal transportation to power plants, including Maharashtra and if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the steps taken to improve the rake availability and by when the coal supply will be restored to meet the demand?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): Ministry of Power has projected a requirement of 615 Million Tonnes of coal from domestic sources for meeting the requirement of power generation in the country (assuming zero import of coal for blending purposes). A requirement of 288 rakes per day of coal for power sector from CIL sources has been projected by Ministry of Power.

(b): Against the target of 288 rakes per day of coal for power sector from CIL sources, the loading in the first six months of Financial Year 2018-19 has been 242.7 rakes per day including 258.5 rakes per day in

the first quarter.

In the year 2018-19 (upto 30.11.2018), there has been growth of 8.7% in coal loading through railways as the average daily loading has been 272.5 rakes in comparison to that of 250.7 rakes in the corresponding period of last year.

(c) & (d): Highest priority in allocation and movement of rakes is accorded to coal loaded for power houses. In spite of capacity constraints in some areas, Indian Railways have been able to provide the required transportation to the power sector facilitating growth of 5.5 % in coal based power generation including 11.2 % during October-18. Though there has been a slight shortfall in loading of rakes for power sector from CIL sources, it has been made up by loading of imported coal for blending purposes in the thermal power plants.

Coal loading has improved from November onwards and 281.8 rakes per day were loaded from CIL sources including 260.2 rakes per day for power houses.
