

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 326  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2018**

**Adequate Supply of Dry Fuel to Power Plants**

**326. SHRI G. HARI:**

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering a long term planning for mining operations and concrete steps to ensure adequate supply of dry fuel to power plants and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is considering mine-wise detailed plan for at least 20 years of operations and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Government is considering to undertake mine-wise review regarding tier coal dispatch capability, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF COAL AND RAILWAYS  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a):** Planning for mining operations is an ongoing process and is market driven. The plan is oriented based on demand scenario. With this in view an elaborate planning exercise was undertaken at Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI), with participation of Coal India Limited (CIL) and its Subsidiaries. Steps like operationalization of allocated blocks, Green clearances, Land and R&R, coal evacuation infrastructure and other required development activities are planned.

Some of the steps taken for ensuring adequate supplies of dry fuel to power plants are as under:

- 1) The Power Houses in close vicinity of the coal fields are advised to move coal through road mode.
- 2) For proper utilization of Good sheds, the power Houses are advised to move coal through road cum rail mode.
- 3) The captive modes of transport like MGR, Belts, Ropes are being fully utilized to their capacity to move coal to the concerned units.

- 4) Supplies of coal to Power Houses through rail mode are being prioritized.
- 5) Regular monitoring of supplies is being done by Ministry of Coal (MoC)/CIL.

As a result of these steps taken for augmentation of supplies, stocks at Power House end have improved substantially.

**(b):** CIL had engaged Consultant for assessment of demand and required supply of coal for the country till 2030-31 i.e. for 10 years. However, no assessment has been made for projections for 20 years of operations.

**(c):** Review of mine wise coal dispatch capacity is an ongoing process and the required infrastructure like siding, CHP/ Silos are accordingly planned and made functional for evacuation of coal based on demand of coal.

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