

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3735  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2019**

**COSTLIER COAL IMPORTS**

**3735. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:**

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

- (a) whether the recent rise in energy demand in the country has improved off take from the power generators but has also resulted in higher dependence on costlier coal imports as the supply of the dry fuel from domestic sources was insufficient;
- (b) whether the all India electricity growth remained steady at 5.6 per cent during the first five months period of financial year 2018-2019, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the increased demand is being met from higher generation by both thermal and renewable energy plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R**

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

**( SHRI R. K. SINGH )**

**(a) & (b): There is an average growth of 5.8% in all India energy supplied during 2018-19 (upto September, 2018) as compared to 2017-18 (upto September, 2017).**

**The electricity growth during September, October and November, 2018 has been 7.1%, 11.8% and 5.2% respectively and during the current year 2018-19 (upto November, 18) has increased to 6.6%.**

**Thus, the recent rise in energy demand in the country has improved off take from power generation. But due to improved availability of coal from domestic sources, the dependence on coal imports have not increased and remained almost same as last year.**

**The import of coal for blending with domestic coal during current year 2018-19 (upto November, 2018) was 39.1 Million Tonne (MT) which was almost same as the import of 38.8 MT during the same period last year.**

**(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The generation from thermal and renewable energy sources during current year, 2018-19 (upto November, 2018) was 715.418 Billion Unit (BU) and 81.149 BU respectively as compared to 681.284 BU and 70.022 BU respectively during the same period last year.**

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