

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.729
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2019**

AVERAGE CONSUMPTION OF COAL

729. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

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

- (a) the total number of coal based thermal power plants in the country as on date and their average per day consumption/ requirement of coal for their operations;**
- (b) the average coal stock availability for these plants in terms of coal availability for number of operative days at present ; and**
- (c) the steps being taken to increase coal and coal stock availability for thermal power plants?**

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

(SHRI R. K. SINGH)

(a) : The total number of coal based thermal power plants in the country as on 31.12.2018 is 175. Based on the generation target for the year 2018-19, the daily average coal requirement of these power plants is 1.79 Million Tonnes (MT)/day. During April-December, 2018, the average consumption by these power plants was 1.72 MT/day.

(b) : As on 31st December, 2018, the total coal stock available with these power plants was 21.66 MT. Based on their average consumption of 1.72 MT/day, the average coal stock availability in terms of number of days is about 13 days.

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(c) : Government have taken the following steps to increase coal and coal stock availability for thermal power plants:

- i. The availability of coal is being regularly monitored closely to ensure that generation of power plant is not affected due to shortage of coal.**
- ii. Coal Blocks have been allotted to central/state power utilities to improve domestic coal availability.**
- iii. The Government has introduced a scheme SHAKTI (Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala (Coal) Transparently in India)-2017, to provide coal linkages to the power plants which do not have any linkage.**
- iv. The Government has introduced flexibility in utilization of domestic coal amongst power generating stations to reduce the cost of power generation. The State/Central Gencos would have flexibility to utilize their coal in optimum and cost effective manner in their own power plants as well as by transferring coal to other State/Central/IPPs Power plants for generation of cheaper power. This ensures availability of coal to efficient plants.**
