GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COAL LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1116 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02,2023

Captive Power Plants

1116. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government realizes that the need for the Captive Power Plants (CPP) based aluminium industry CPPs is urgent as aluminium production is a continuous process that requires huge volumes of uninterrupted quality power supply; and
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government keeping in view the fact that curtailing coal supplies to CPPs has directly resulted in a coal crunch situation for the aluminium sector?

ANSWER MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

- (a): Ministry of Mines, Government of India, has informed that Aluminum industry is a 24x7, 365 days continuous process industry, which needs huge volumes of uninterrupted power supply.
- (b): In 2022-23 (upto January, 2023), dispatch of coal to CPP Sector from Coal India Limited(CIL) sources has been 31.59 MT against the last year same period figures of 27.91 MT, thereby achieving a growth of 13%. With the augmentation of dispatch and Production in the current period, Coal India Limited efforts shall be to meet the demand of all sections of the industries including in CPP based Aluminum Industry to fulfill their demand. Further, CIL has allowed conversion of mode from Rail to Road under NRS FSA (linkage auction) consumers for augmentation of lifting.
