

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1423
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2019

Supply of Coal to Power Plants

1423. DR. AMAR SINGH:
SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets fixed by Coal India Limited for production of coal in the current year;
- (b) whether production of coal is enough for fulfilling the requirement of power sector;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken to augment coal reserves in view of coal shortage being reported in coal run power plants across the country;
- (d) whether huge quantity of coal remains lying at pit head and railway siding due to unavailability of wagons;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a): The coal production target of Coal India Limited (CIL) has been fixed at 660 Million Tonne (MT) for current year 2019-20.

(b)&(c): The target for Power Sector for the current fiscal, as given by Ministry of Power, is 530 MT.

During the current year (April- October 2019-20), dispatch to Power sector from CIL sources has been 253.02 MT in comparison to last year's figure of 276.84 MT. and from SCCL source, coal dispatch to power sector during April-October 2019-20 has been 29.82MT in comparison to last year's figure of 30.15MT. However, decline in dispatch of coal to Power Sector has not affected the coal availability position at the Power House end.

Presently, stock at Power House end stands at 22.91MT as on 20.11.2019, equivalent to 14 days' consumption with 4 power plants under critical list, as against the last year same day's stock of 11.74 Million tonnes, equivalent to 7 days' consumption, with 26 Power plants reeling under criticality.

(d)to(f): Bulk of the coal produced in CIL is dispatched to the destination through rail mode in close coordination with the Indian Railways. Railway infrastructure, including availability of wagons, is at present sufficient to move the quantum of available coal. With the increase of production of coal down the years, railway infrastructure has also improved. Coal India Limited has also invested heavily in laying various railway lines like Tori-Shivpur and Jharsugua- Barapalli- Sardega.
