

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2174
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2020**

Short Supply of Coal

2174. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether thermal power plants have been closed down by the Government in the entire country including Uttar Pradesh due to short supply of coal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to check the shortage of coal in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COAL, MINES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) to (d): Sufficient domestic coal has been supplied to power plants of the country and the coal stock at power plants end has increased from 25.37 Million Tonnes (MT) as on 26.02.2019 to 36.78 MT as on 26.02.2020 which is sufficient for 21 days consumption. Also, there is sufficient coal at the end of coal companies and as on 26.02.2020, the pithead coal stock with the Coal India Limited (CIL) was 42.43 MT and that of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) was 2.26 MT. The progress of coal offtake is reviewed on a regular basis and the coal supplies to Power sector are monitored regularly by an Inter-Ministerial Sub Group comprising representatives of Ministries of Power, Coal, Railways, Shipping, CEA, NITI Aayog, CIL etc.
