

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.695
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2020**

COAL POWER PLANTS

695. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

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

- (a) the details and the number of coal power plants across the country including Tamil Nadu;**
- (b) the details of the percentage of electricity generated through coal power plants across the country including Tamil Nadu;**
- (c) whether the Government opposes to set up new coal power plants within the country;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the Government has discussed this matter with all the States including Tamil Nadu within the country and if so, the details along with the response thereof; and**
- (f) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?**

A N S W E R

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

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) : As on 31.12.2019, there are total 178 Coal Power Plants with an Installed Capacity of 1,98,494.5 MW in the country and 9 Coal based Power Plants with an Installed Capacity of 9,520 MW in Tamil Nadu.

(b) : The details of electricity generated from all sources including coal power plants of 25 MW & above capacity in the country including Tamil Nadu during 2018-19 and 2019-20 (upto December, 2019) is given as under:

Source	All India Generation – Billion Units (BU)		Tamil Nadu Generation – Billion Units (BU)	
	2018-19	2019-20 (Upto Dec, 2019)	2018-19	2019-20 (Upto Dec, 2019)
Coal	987.68	718.709	47.937	32.183
Total (All sources)	1376.09	1055.75	100.676	76.329
% share	71.77	68.08	47.62	42.16

(c) : Setting up of a power plant is a de-licensed activity. As per Section 7 of the Electricity Act, 2003, any generating company may establish, operate and maintain a generating station without obtaining a license/permission if it complies with the technical standards relating to connectivity with the grid.

(d) to (f) : Do not arise.
