

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2717
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2021**

Shortage of Coal

2717. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Punjab is to be compensated for the costs incurred to buy power from National Grid as blockade of inbound trains carrying essentials supplies like coal caused shortage of coal to power thermal plants in Punjab and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government will take cognizance of the fact that blackouts in several regions of Punjab due to shortage of coal caused severe damages to livelihoods of rural inhabitants and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government to prevent the stoppage of essential supplies of Coal in future amidst disagreements between Centre and State?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES

(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): As per the provisions of the Fuel Supply Agreement, the responsibility of transportation of coal is with the coal consumer. The ownership of coal is transferred to the concerned power plants after dispatch of coal from the loading point of the coal companies. CIL has continuously persuaded the linked power plants of Punjab to increase the coal intake and build up sufficient stock at their end. However, the power plants of Punjab regulated their coal intake for the first two quarters of the current fiscal.

(b): The details of the coal stock at the power plants of Punjab before and after the blockade are as per the table below:

Name of the Power Plant	24.09.2020		23.11.2020		01.12.2020		28.02.2021	
	000 Tonnes	In days	000 Tonnes	In days	000 Tonnes	In days	000 Tonnes	In days
Lehra Mohabbat	41.38	3	19.14	2	27.65	3	44.24	5
Goindwal Sahib	25.48	4	0.18	0	105.42	22	255.92	53
Nabha Power Rajpura	199.43	11	3.68	0	120.90	10	514.94	31
Ropar TPS	92.62	10	64.35	8	64.04	8	66.2	9
Talwandi Sabo TPP	188.58	8	7.65	0	173.16	11	178.18	8

Total Stock of Punjab Power plants	547.49	8	95	2	491.17	10	1059.48	18
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At present, there is no issue in coal supply to the Punjab based power plants and they are carrying a comfortable coal stock at their end. The power requirement details of Punjab for the current fiscal indicate that there was no shortage of power and the demand was fully met in Punjab. The details are as mentioned below:

Power Supply Position during 2020-21 (Upto January 2021) : Punjab								
	Energy Details				Peak Details			
Year	Energy Required	Energy Available	Surplus/Deficit		Peak Demand	Demand Met	Surplus/Deficit	
	MU	MU	MU	%	MW	MW	MW	%
Apr-20	2,287	2,287	0	0.0	5,113	5,113	0	0.0
May-20	4,032	4,032	0	0.0	8,201	8,201	0	0.0
Jun-20	6,676	6,676	0	0.0	12,683	12,683	0	0.0
Jul-20	7,390	7,390	0	0.0	13,148	13,148	0	0.0
Aug-20	7,527	7,527	0	0.0	12,815	12,815	0	0.0
Sep-20	7,264	7,264	0	0.0	12,433	12,433	0	0.0
Oct-20	4,704	4,702	2	0.1	8,940	8,940	0	0.0
Nov-20	3,210	3,167	43	1.3	6,002	6,002	0	0.0
Dec-20	3,850	3,847	3	0.1	6,707	6,707	0	0.0
Jan-21	3,853	3,849	4	0.1	7,017	7,017	0	0.0
Cumulative (Upto Jan.-2021)	50,793	50,741	-52	-0.1	13,148	13,148	0	0.0

(c): To review infrastructure constraints and coal stock at power plants Sub Group meetings are being held regularly in Ministry of Coal with representative of Ministry of Power, Central electricity Authority (CEA), Coal India Limited (CIL), Singareni Collieries Company (SCCL), Ministry of Railways (MoR) and Power Consumers.
