

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4647
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021**

Demand for Coal from Power Sector

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Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Coal India Limited is prepared to meet any surge in demand for coal from the power sector;
- (b) if so, whether the company is also pushing for increased production to shore up supplies to coal fuelled power plants?
- (c) whether a good percentage of coal fired power generation in the country depends on Coal India Limited's supplies and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Coal India Limited does not hold sufficient quantity of coal at its pitheads; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES

(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) & (b): The year wise stock of coal at Coal India Limited (CIL) end vis-à-vis Power House end is as under:

(in Million Tonnes (MT))

Date	CIL Stock	Stock at Power House end
01.04.2019	54.15	30.92
01.04.2020	74.89	44.95
16.03.2021	85.57	30.21

In the current year, against a projected demand of 526 MT coal for power sector from CIL, Power Houses linked with CIL have regulated the intake of coal and have only lifted about 398 MT of coal against the prorated demand of 474 MT, upto February 2021.

As on 16.03.2021, CIL is carrying a stock of more than 85 MT, which is highest in recent past, and with the ongoing surge in production, the stock shall increase further in the remaining days of the current fiscal. Therefore, there is adequate amount of coal lying with CIL and it is ready to cater to the needs of the Power Sector.

(c): Central Electricity Authority (CEA) monitors daily coal stock position of all coal based thermal power plants (presently 135 in number) in the country having Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) with CIL/ Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL). Out of the above 135 Plants, CEA monitors 126 plants which are linked with CIL sources.

In the current year (upto January'21) against the total domestic coal receipt of 481.33 MT from various sources by the thermal power plants, CIL supply was about 365.88 MT i.e. 76% of total coal received by the power plants monitored by CEA.

(d) & (e): Coal India Limited is carrying a stock of more than 85 MT. There is adequate amount of coal lying at CIL pithead and it is ready to cater to the needs of Power sector.
