

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1573
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2021**

Coal off-take

1573. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Coal off-take in last quarter has grown in comparison to the previous three terms;
- (b) if so, the details thereto;
- (c) whether coal-based power generation is in a steady rhythm and coal-fired electricity generation has slowed down during this quarters; and
- (d) if so, the details and the reasons thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES

(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a)&(b) The Total coal off-take in the country in the last quarter (4th quarter of financial year 2020-21) was more than the previous three quarters. The details of total coal dispatch/ off-take during the last 4 quarters of 2020-21 are as under:

Quarter (Financial year 2020-2021)	Offtake (In Million Tonnes)
1 st (April-June)	144.343
2 nd (July-September)	158.466
3 rd (October-December)	186.821
4 th (January-March)	201.258

(c) & (d): As per Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the quarter-wise generation from coal based power plants during the last year 2020-21 and current year 2021-22 (Apr'21-Jun'21) are as under:

Year	Quarter	Coal based generation (in BU)*
2020-21	1 st (April-June)	198.9
	2 nd (July-September)	230.3
	3 rd (October-December)	244.4
	4 th (January-March)	277.3
2021-22	1 st (April-June) (*)	256.7

(*) Provisional based on actual- cum-assessment)

The Coal based power generation has shown a steady increase during each quarter of 2020-21. Further, during 1st quarter of 2021-22, coal based generation has increased by about 29% vis-à-vis same period last year (i.e. 1st quarter of 2020-21).
