

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.167
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2021**

SHORTAGE OF COAL IN POWER PLANTS

†*167. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:

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

(a) whether the Government issued any advisory in April, 2020 to reduce dependence on import and to use domestic coal and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Ltd. is compelled to import coal to overcome its shortage in the power plants across the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) & (b) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.167 ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2021 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF COAL IN POWER PLANTS

(a) : Yes, Sir. Ministry of Power, in April, 2020 had advised Generating Companies who were importing coal for blending purpose to make best efforts to replace their imports with domestic Coal.

(b) : NTPC did not place any fresh order for procurement of imported coal during the FY 2020-21 and had also reduced package quantities of its various contracts for procuring imported coal.

To ensure adequate coal stock during the current FY i.e., 2021-22, NTPC has enhanced package quantity of running contracts by 1.42 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) for blending of domestic coal with imported Coal.
