

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.695
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COAL STOCK IN POWER PLANTS

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

- (a) the details of average buffer coal stock in power plants along with daily average in the months of September and October; and**
- (b) the details of steps being taken to rectify the shortage?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) : As on 26th November 2021, the total coal stocks available with 136 linkage-based power plants monitored on a daily basis in Central Electricity Authority (CEA) was 18.958 Million Tonne (MT), which is sufficient to run these plants for an average of 9.5 days. The details of average daily coal stocks in these power plants during the months of September 2021 and October 2021 were 10.34 MT and 8.07 MT respectively.

(b) : The following steps have been taken by the Government for maintenance of adequate coal stocks with power plants:

- i. In order to address the issues of coal supplies to power sector, an Inter-Ministerial Sub Group comprising of representatives from Ministries of Power, Coal, Railways, Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Coal India Limited (CIL) /Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) meets regularly to take various operational decisions to enhance supply of coal to thermal power plants as well as for meeting any contingent situations relating to Power Sector including critical coal stock position in power plants.**
- ii. Ministry of Power has also constituted a Core Management Team (CMT) with members from MoP, Railways, CEA, CIL, NTPC, DVC and POSOCO to ensure close monitoring of coal stocks at thermal power plants (TPPs) and operational decisions are being taken in CMT to augment supply of sufficient quantity of coal to the TPPs.**
- iii. Further, based on the decision of the Government, CIL has offered about 5.2 Million Tonnes additional coal from its various subsidiaries to State/Central Gencos for lifting through Rail Cum Road (RCR)/ Road mode.**

- iv. **Recently, an Inter-Ministerial Committee comprising of Secretary (Coal), Secretary (Power), Secretary (MoEF&CC) and Chairman, Railway Board has been set up to finalise the demand in advance, review the situation and take corrective action with regard to ensuring adequate coal supply to power plants in the country.**
- v. **Revised coal stocking norms have been mandated by CEA mandating the coal stock of 17 days at pit head stations and 26 days at non-pit head stations to be maintained by power plants from February to June every year.**
