GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 49 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022

TRANSPORTATION OF COAL

* 49. SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH: SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of rakes deployed for transportation of coal to power plants across the country;
- (b) whether the Government has taken measures to deploy additional rakes to augment transportation of coal to power plants in the light of recent developments and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government plans to or has undertaken measures to upgrade coal rake wagons to incorporate upsurge in demand;
- (d) whether the Government has envisaged a role for 'Startups for Railways' policy to constructively resolve the issue and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details regarding distribution of coal for this financial year to the States?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 49 BY SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH AND SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.07.2022 REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OF COAL

- (a) & (b): Considering the importance of coal transportation, Indian Railways has increased the deployment of rakes for coal loading to power houses. During, first quarter of current financial year (April-June 2022), Railways have deployed average 504 rakes per day for transportation of coal to power plants across the country. Against this, the coal loading to power sector during the period has been 434 rakes per day which is 32% more than the corresponding period of 2021-22. In July 2022 (upto 13th), Railways have deployed 504 rakes for transportation of coal to power plants against which coal loading to power sector has been 425 rakes per day which is 41% more than the corresponding period in July 2021.
- (c): Besides augmenting additional rakes, Indian Railways has undertaken measures to deploy higher capacity wagons (BOXNS type) for coal loading on routes which are fit for higher axle load operations and which have additional pay load of 13% over normal open wagons to meet the enhanced demand.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): In 2022-23, Coal India Limited(CIL) has Annual Contracted Quantity (ACQ) under Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) with State Power Gencos for a quantity of 188.7 Million Tonnes(MT). Apart from this, coal is being

allocated to State Nominated Agencies of the concerned State(s) for current Financial Year (FY), to be supplied through FSA. Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has plans to dispatch 70 MT during the year 2022-23, out of which 57.8 MT is for power sector.

The State wise details of distribution of coals are as under:

(in Million Tonnes)

State(s)	FSA Quantity of the Concerned State Gencos	Allocation of Coal to State Nominated Agencies of the Concerned State(s) CIL	SCCL to Power sector
Andhra Pradesh	20.11	-	6.192
Bihar	-	0.14	=
Chhattisgarh	9.61	0.06	0.2
Gujarat	14.02	0.09	-
Jharkhand	2	0.22	-
J&K	-	0.01	-
Haryana	10.88	0.01	-
Karnataka	5.12	-	12.36
Madhya Pradesh	23.22	0.04	-
Maharashtra	34.06	0.49	4.465
Nagaland	-	0.01	-
Odisha	2.7	0.04	-
Punjab	4.12	0.02	-
Rajasthan	16.71	0.02	-
Tamil Nadu	19.04	-	2.8
Tripura	-	0.02	-
Uttar Pradesh	23.8	0.28	-
West Bengal	3.32	0.1	1.0
Telangana	-	-	30.79