

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1988
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2022**

POWER DEMAND

**1988. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:**

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

- (a) the details of expected power demand in the country during the current year;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to meet the power demand in the country for the current year in light of the recent coal shortage; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) : Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has conducted assessment of the supply and demand of the electricity for the year 2022-23. As per the Load Generation Balance Report (LGBR) 2022-23 published by CEA, the All India Energy Requirement is assessed to be 1,505,198 Million Units (MU) as against the assessed Energy Availability 1549,597 MU in the country for the year 2022-23.

(b) & (c) : The Central Government has taken the following steps to ensure smooth coal supply to power plants for unhindered power generation:-

- (i) An Inter-Ministerial Sub Group comprising of representatives from Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Railways, Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) meet 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 to alleviate critical coal stock position in power plants.**
- (ii) For augmentation of coal supply and power generation capacity, a Secretary level Inter- Ministerial committee has been set up to ensure that the medium and long term requirements of coal are met. The Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) comprises of Chairman Railway Board, Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Secretary, Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change as members and Secretary, Ministry of Power as convener.**
- (iii) Ministry of Power has advised power plants to maintain adequate coal in their power plant to meet the demand of electricity.**
