

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1495  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024**

**Distribution of Coal**

**1495. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:**

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

(a) whether there is any issue in distribution of coal from Coal Mine in Jharkhand allocated to Bihar and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken to enhance the coal supply to Bihar to meet its energy demand and the time by which these are likely to be implemented?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF COAL & MINES  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a) No coal block in Jharkhand or in any other State, has been allocated to Bihar or its' PSUs.

(b) Supply of coal to the power plants including the power plants located in Bihar is a continuous process. To address the issues of coal supplies to Power Sector, 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.

Besides, an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) has also been constituted comprising of Chairman, Railway Board; Secretary, Ministry of Coal; Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Secretary, Ministry of Power; to monitor augmentation of coal supply and power generation capacity. Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and Chairperson, CEA are co- opted as Special Invitees as and when required by the IMC.

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