

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3119
ANSWERED ON 18.12.2025**

FINANCIAL AUDITS TO IMPROVE PRODUCTION EFFICIENCY

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

(a) the status of coal supply, stock position and refusal at the Raghunathpur Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) Plant during the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the units had to go on outage several times due to weak planning by management and shortcomings in contract management and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any report indicating that the Plant Load Factor (PLF) has consistently remained below the national average due to delay in maintenance, non-availability of spare parts, poor Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) management and inadequate technical inspections and if so, the details thereof along with the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to conduct any technical and financial audits to improve production efficiency and identify management shortcomings and if so, the details thereof?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) & (b): The status of coal receipt, stock position, and refusal at Raghunathpur Thermal Power Plant (RTPP) of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) during the last five years and current financial year (Apr-Nov) is given below:

S.N.	Financial Year (FY)	Receipt of Coal at Plant (in 000' Tonnes)	Stock at Plant as on 31st March of FY (in 000' Tonnes)	Refusal of Coal at plant
1	2020-21	3093	203	NIL
2	2021-22	3964	201	
3	2022-23	3745	225	
4	2023-24	4702	485	
5	2024-25	4270	361	
6	2025-26 (Apr-Nov)	2963	323*	

*** Coal Stock position as on 30.11.2025.**

DVC has not reported any outage of this plant on account of shortage of coal.

(c): The Plant Load Factor (PLF) of Raghunathpur Thermal Power Plant (RTPP) and National Average PLF of Coal-based Thermal Power Plants (TPPs) during the last five years and current financial year are given below:

S.N.	Financial Year (FY)	PLF of Raghunathpur TPP of DVC (%)	Overall PLF of coal-based TPPs of DVC (%)	National Average PLF of Coal-based TPPs
1	2020-21	49.71	62.39	54.56
2	2021-22	57.85	68.96	58.76
3	2022-23	53.67	74.22	64.21
4	2023-24	65.98	76.81	69.49
5	2024-25	62.56	75.70	69.95
6	2025-26 (Apr-Nov) *	60.91	68.79	63.25

***Tentative figures**

The reasons for the low PLF percentage in Raghunathpur Thermal Power Plant during the last five years are as follows:

- (i) FY 2020-21: The low scheduled demand was due to the national lockdown imposed because of COVID-19.**
- (ii) FY 2021-22 to 2024-25: There was poor evacuation from the ash plant along with low scheduled demand from 2021-22 to 2024-25.**
- (iii) FY 2024-2025: Due to outage of Turbine in Unit #2 from March, 2024 to July, 2024 and Low schedule demand.**
- (iv) FY 2025-26 (till Nov'25): Unit #1 was under shut down in September, 2025 for oil leakage attention in suction line of HP seal back-up pump, and again under shut down from 14.10.2025 to 20.11.2025 for overhauling & attention of condenser. However, PLF in the current FY 2025-26 (till Nov'25) is 60.91%, as compared to 55.45% during the corresponding period of the previous year i.e. FY 2024-25 (till Nov'24).**

The remedial measures undertaken by DVC are as follows:

- (i) For better evacuation of fly ash from Electro-Static Precipitator (ESP) hopper's, a work order for an additional 01 No. of Fly Ash Extraction (FAE) tower has been placed.**
- (ii) Overhauling of both RTPS units has been carried out through Indian vendors and is currently running at full load.**
- (iii) Improvement in Ash Handling Plant (AHP) Performance has been carried out through extensive maintenance work.**

(d): The Government of India, through the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), conducts statutory audits of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), under section 47 of Damodar Valley Corporation Act 1948 which includes examining evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. It also includes assessing the accounting principle used and significant estimates made by management (DVC), as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements. Further, DVC performs technical audits of its thermal power plants for addressing deficit areas through long-term and short-term plan.
