

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 139**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 07/12/2022**

**Coal Crisis**

139. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

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

(a) whether India's coal mines use is only two-thirds of the capacity, with some large ones using only 1%, as per an analysis by a firm which tracks utilisation of the fuel source internationally and if so, the details including present status thereof;

(b) whether 99 of India's coal mine projects, under development which were expected to yield 427 million tonnes per annum are unnecessary and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India experienced severe coal crisis, with more than 100 of 285 thermal power plants witnessed fall in coal stocks below the critical mark of 25% of the total stock and below 10% in over 50 plants which led to power shortages in several States including Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES**  
**(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)**

(a): Considering last 5 years average, CIL's overall system capacity utilization is near about 80%. The capacity utilization of SCCL has been near about 82-90% and capacity utilization of NLCIL has been near about 85% - 100%.

(b): No Sir. All such mines are being developed to ensure energy security of the country.

(c) & (d): The coal stock available at coal based thermal power plants in the country monitored in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on daily basis was about 25.6 Million Tonnes (MT) as on 31.03.2022, which was about 38% of the normative coal stock requirement. The coal stock increased to 26.1 MT (51% of normative requirement) as on 30.09.2022 and further increased to 30.9 MT, which is about 54% of normative requirement as on 30.11.2022. As on 30.11.2022, out of total 180 power plans monitored on daily basis in CEA, 68 power plants were having coal stock of less than 25% and 27 power plants were having coal stock of less than 10% of normative requirement.

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