

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF COAL TO BADARPUR THERMAL POWER STATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coal is not being supplied regularly to Badarpur Thermal Power Station as per its requirement of late which is affecting the power generation and a deep power crisis has been caused in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of coal supplied to the said power station during each of the last three years alongwith the quantum by which it fell short of the demand; and
- (d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure regular coal supply as per the requirement of the said power station?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : Coal is being supplied to Badarpur Thermal Power Station and there has been no loss of generation on account of shortage of coal in the power station. As on 7th May, 2007, the station had coal stock of about 323,000 tonnes, which is equivalent to 26 days consumption in the Station.

(c) : The status of coal supplies (received) vis-à-vis coal consumed in the station during the last three years is given below:

(Figure in `000` Tonnes)

Year	Coal Received	Coal Consumed
2004-05	3907	3732
2005-06	3854	3768
2006-07	3690	3739

From the above, it can be seen that the coal supplies have been in excess of the consumption of coal in the power station.

(d) : Following Steps are being taken by the Government to ensure availability of coal to power stations:

- i) The coal supply position to thermal power stations is vigorously monitored in Central Electricity Authority and Ministry of Power on daily basis.
- ii) A Sub-group of the Infrastructure Constraints Review Committee headed by the Additional Secretary in the Department of Coal, consisting of the representatives from the Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Railways and Coal India Ltd., on weekly/fortnightly basis reviews and resolves the problems of coal supply to thermal power stations having coal stock less than 7 days consumption.
- iii) The Infrastructure Constraints Review Committee, headed by Secretary (Co-ordination) in the Cabinet Secretariat, reviews the coal production and supply to thermal power stations in the country every month.