

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF COAL TO THERMAL POWER PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantum of coal provided to the Thermal Power Plants per month in Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether power generation has been adversely affected in the State due to the inadequate supply of coal;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO)

(a) Average monthly quantity of coal supplied to Thermal Power Plants of Maharashtra during the last three years from Coal India Limited is as under:-

(figures in `000 tonnes)

Year	Yearly quantity supplied	Average per month supplied quantity
2003-04	29698	2475
2004-05	32328	2694
2005-06	30998	2583

(b) to (d): No, Sir. All the Power Stations in Maharashtra have had coal stock of more than 7 days of coal consumption throughout the year. Therefore, problems, if any, in power generation by any of these power plants in Maharashtra is not attributable to less supply of coal. Further there is a mechanism, under the Ministry of Coal, comprising representatives of Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority, and Coal India Limited, which monitors the movement of coal to all the power plants including those of Maharashtra and in case of any shortage, the supply of coal is appropriately augmented.