

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUPPLY OF COAL TO INDUSTRIAL UNITS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanadi Coal Fields is unable to meet the required demand for coal to industrial units including NALCO and NTPC in Orissa;and

(b) if so,the reasons therefor and the steps taken to address the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

(a)&(b); Supply of coal to all industrial units including National Aluminum Company Limited(NALCO) is guided by Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) between consumer and Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL).The total offtake to all consumers from MCL during April-September,2008-09 is about 42 million tonnes (provisional) as compared to 39.4 million tonnes during same period last year.Further,during April-September,2008, the supply of coal by MCL to NALCO was 2.37 million tonnes against commitment of 2.65 million tonnes, which works out to materialization of about 89%. In so far as power utilities of National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) are concerned,supply from MCL to these plants during April-September,2008 was 9.124 million tonnes as against prorata allocation of 8.475 million tonnes,indicating materialization of about 108%.Due to frequent strikes and blockades by villagers,unprecedented heavy rains during the monsoon,strike by contractors,drivers, there was marginal shortfall in despatch of coal to NALCO.Hoowever,MCL is making all efforts to enhance the despatch by transporting more coal to railway sidings.