

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether power generation in the country during the last six months has decreased as compared to corresponding period during last year;
- (b) if so, the total power generated in each State during the said period from various types of power projects/plants;
- (c) whether the inadequate supply of coal is one of the major factors for less power generation in the country; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) : No, Sir. The total electricity generation in the country during the last 6 months i.e. August 04` to January 05` has increased by 4.8% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

(b) : Does not arise, in view of the above.

(c) : Inadequate supply of coal has been a reason for less generation from coal based power stations. Generation loss of 1451.16 MU has been reported during the last six months i.e. August 04` to January 05`.

(d) : The following steps are being taken to overcome the shortage of coal to the thermal power stations:

(i) The Infrastructure Constraints Committee headed by Secretary (Co-ordination), Cabinet Secretariat, reviews monthly the coal supply to the thermal power stations in the country.

(ii) A Sub-group (constituted by the Infrastructure Constraints Committee) headed by the Joint Secretary (Coal), Ministry of Coal and members from the Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Railways and Coal India Limited reviews and take corrective measures to ensure smooth supply of coal to thermal power stations.

(iii) Import of coal by certain power stations.

(iv) According to Ministry of Coal, Coal India Limited has revised its overall coal production target from existing 314 million tonnes to 331 million tonnes and for power sector from 240 million tonnes to 248 million tonnes for the current year 2004-05.