

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORT SUPPLY OF COAL TO THERMAL POWER PROJECTS

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

(a) whether the power generation has declined due to short supply of coal to Thermal Power Projects in the country, particularly at Talcher and Simhadri power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to constitute an infrastructure constraints committee to monitor coal supply to thermal projects in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the other remedial measures being taken by the Government to generate power in accordance with demand?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : The following Thermal Power Stations have reported loss of power generation due to coal shortage in the current year:

Sl. No.	Month	Name of Thermal Power Stations	Generation Loss (MUs)
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1.	July, 2004	Talcher STPS	46.40
2.	August, 2004		NIL
3.	September, 2004	Talcher STPS	203.80
4.	October, 2004	Talcher STPS	100.99
5.	November, 2004	Talcher STPS	253.43
6.		Talcher TPS	3.96
7.	December, 2004	Talcher STPS	22.60
8.		Farakka STPS	115.07
9.	January, 2005	Kahalgaon STPS	104.11
10.		Talcher STPS	275.00
11.		Farakka STPS	372.20

Total Generation Loss during the year 1497.56

There is no reported loss of power generation at Simhadri due to coal shortage.

#STPS = Super Thermal Power Station. #3TPS = Thermal Power Station.

(c) & (d) : A Group of Officers headed by Secretary (Coordination) in the Cabinet Secretariat reviews the infrastructure constraints

including coal production and supply to thermal power stations in the country every month. Further, the following remedial measures are taken to augment generation:

(i) Ministry of Coal plans to enhance the production of coal in the country.

(ii) Efforts to supply adequate quantity and quality of coal.

(iii) Coal import has been planned to improve the coal stock position. National Thermal Power Corporation plans to import 2.5 Million Tonnes of coal for one year @ 1.75 lakh tones per month.

(iv) Renovation, Modernization and Life Extension of old and inefficient generating units.