

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF COAL TO SANJAY GANDHI THERMAL POWER PLANT
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Thermal Power Plant in Madhya Pradesh including Sanjay Gandhi Thermal Power Plant, Birsinghpur has been facing shortage of coal for the last few months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, plant-wise;
- (c) whether any proposal from the Madhya Pradesh Government has been received in this regard;
- (d) if so, the remedial action being taken by the Union Government; and
- (e) the time by which the said problem is likely to resolved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)&(b): Out of four power stations located in Madhya Pradesh, coal stocks at Amarkantak and Sanjay Gandhi Thermal Power Stations were occasionally less than seven days during November, 2009 to February, 2010 (till 16th February). While supplies to Sanjay Gandhi thermal power station from CIL sources have been 100% of the commitment level of Fuel Supply Agreement, in the case of Amarkantak, supplies could not be received by the power plant as per the commitment level due to inadequate coal carrying and handling infrastructure at the power plant end. During April, 2009 to February, 2010 (till 16th February), overall coal supplies to the power stations in Madhya Pradesh was 27.60 million tonnes as against pro-rata Annual Contracted Quantity of 27.80 million tonnes, indicating materialization of 99%.

A table showing the details of pro-rata Annual Contracted Quantity (ACQ) vis-à-vis actual dispatches during April, 2009 to February, 2010 (till 16th February) in respect of power stations located in Madhya Pradesh is given below:-

(figures in million tonnes) (provisional)
Name of the Pro-rata Annual Despatch Materialisation
Power Station Contracted during
Quantity as April, 2009
Fuel Supply to February, 20
Agreement 10 (till 16th
February, 2010)

Vindhyachal Thermal Power Station	14.90	15.70	105%
Sanjay Gandhi Thermal Power Station	5.50	5.50	100%
Satpura Thermal Power Station	5.70	5.50	92%
Amarkantak Thermal Power Station	1.70	0.90	54%

(c) to (e): Requests have been received from time to time for augmentation of coal supplies to Amarkantak and Sanjay Gandhi Thermal Power Plants. An Inter Ministerial "Sub-group" in the Ministry of Coal regularly monitors the supply of coal and stock position in respect of 79 thermal power plants, including those located in Madhya Pradesh and take appropriate plant specific remedial action for augmentation of supplies where coal stocks are less than seven days. As on 18th February,2010, Sanjay Gandhi Thermal Power Station had 1.17 lakh tonnes of coal which is equivalent to about 5 days coal requirement.