

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:28

ANSWERED ON:03.07.2009

THERMAL POWER PLANTS

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of thermal power plants along with their power generation capacity in the country, at present, State-wise;
- (b) whether a number of such power plants are proposed to be set up in the country in the coming years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether several existing thermal power plants are facing huge coal shortage;
- (e) if so, whether the Government proposes to import coal to meet the shortage and provide rebate on such imported coal; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 28 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 03.07.2009 REGARDING THERMAL POWER PLANTS.

(a) : State-wise details of thermal power plants in the country along with their power generation capacity are given at Annex-IA & IB.

(b) & (c) : A thermal power capacity of 59,693 MW forms part of the capacity addition target of 78,700 MW set by the Planning Commission for the 11th Plan. As per the latest assessment made by Central Electricity Authority on the basis of preparedness of the projects, capacity addition of 80,610 MW is feasible during the 11th Plan, including thermal power projects of 61,723 MW. Till 30th June 2009, capacity addition of 11,424 MW has been commissioned in the thermal segment and balance capacity of 50,299 MW is under construction. The State-wise and Sector-wise details of capacity addition during the 11th Plan are given at Annex-II.

(d) to (f) : Out of 78 thermal power stations monitored by the Central Electricity Authority, as on 28th June 2009, 32 power stations have critical coal stock of less than 7 days and 12 power stations out of these were super critical with less than 4 days of stock. The total coal stock at the thermal power stations in the country, as on 28th June, 2009 was 11 Million Tonne (MT) as against the normative requirement of 22 MT. In order to bridge the shortfall between the requirement of coal for the thermal power stations of the power utilities for the year 2009-10 and its anticipated availability from the domestic sources during the year, the Government has envisaged import of coal to the tune of 28.7 MT during the year 2009-10. The details of utility-wise target for import of coal for the year 2009-10 and quantity of coal imported as on 31st May 2009 is at Annex-III. No proposal for rebate on imported coal is under consideration of the Government.