

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF COAL TO POWER STATIONS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coal shortage in the country frequently leads to shut down of thermal power stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the power stations have suffered during the last three months;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken to ensure adequate and timely availability of coal to all the power stations in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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): Central Electricity Authority has reported that none of the power station in the country reported shutdown due to shortage of coal.
- (b): Does not arise, in view of reply given in respect of part (a) above.
- (c) to (e): For the year 2010-11, as against the estimated coal requirement of 434 MT projected by the Central Electricity Authority for the power plants, the availability of indigenous coal, based on production by government coal companies and captive mines, has been estimated at 388 MT, leaving a shortfall of 46 MT. To bridge this gap, power utilities have been advised by Ministry of Power to import 35 MT of coal. An inter- Ministerial Sub-group under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Coal closely monitors and Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat, periodically reviews the position of supply of coal to power utilities and suggest appropriate corrective measures, wherever required, for maintaining coal supplies to power utilities.