

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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TRANSPORTATION OF COAL  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the quantum of coal being transported by road to each of the power plants located in Tuticorin District of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total loss of coal while transportation by road due to spillage;
- (d) whether the Government has carried out any environmental impact assessment of coal dust on the public as well as the living plants and trees; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof? ANSWER

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) Coal India Limited has reported that for the Tuticorin Thermal Power Station of Tamilnadu Electricity Board, coal from Coal India Limited sources is being supplied through inter-modal- transport of rail-cum-sea. Coal from Eastern Coalfields Limited and Mahanadi Coalfields Limited are transported by Rail upto loading ports of Haldia, Paradip and Vizag and thereafter to the thermal power station by chartered ships of Tamlnadu Electricity Board (TNEB) through the sea. Central Electricity Authority has reported that they are not aware of transportation of coal by road, if any to the power plants including Tuticorin, located in Tamilnadu.

(c): The responsibility of coal companies for supply of coal to the consumers is upto the mines/railway siding. The consumers themselves arrange for transportation of coal from the mines/railway siding to their plants.

(d)&(e): No specific study of environmental impact assessment of coal dust on the public as well as the living plants and trees has been carried out.