

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:460
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2010
THERMAL POWER STATIONS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has identified thermal power stations in the country which require imported coal for their operation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the thermal power stations of coal rich States have also been identified for operating with the imported coal;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government for full capacity utilisation of all the thermal power stations to meet the shortage of power in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

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

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 460 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 10.12.2010 REGARDING THERMAL POWER STATIONS.

(a) & (b) : Thermal power projects near the coast are primarily envisaged for operating with imported coal. The details in regard to the power plants envisaged for operating totally on imported coal are given below :

S1. No State Project Capacity (MW)

1. Gujarat Mundra 4x330+2x660

2. Maharashtra Trombay 2x500+1x250

3. Karnataka Torangallu 2x300

4. Karnataka Udupi 2x600

5. Gujarat Mundra UMPP 5x800

6. Andhra Pradesh Krishnapatnam UMPP 6x660

7. Gujarat Sikka 2x250

8. Andhra Pradesh Meenakshi Energy 2x150

9. Andhra Pradesh Simhapuri 2x150

10. Gujarat Essar Saliya 2x600

11. Maharashtra JSW Ratnagiri 4x300

12. Gujarat Pipavav 600

In addition, the following power projects have been envisaged for operating with imported coal to the tune of 70% of their total requirement :

Sl. No. State Project Capacity (MW)

1. Tamil Nadu Coastal Energy 2x600

2. Tamil Nadu IND Barath 1x660

3. Andhra Pradesh Krishnapatnam 2x800

4. Andhra Pradesh Meenakshi Energy 2x300

5. Andhra Pradesh Bhavanpadu 2x660

(c) & (d) : Thermal Power Stations designed to use imported coal are not planned in coal rich states. However, in view of limited availability of indigenous coal for thermal power stations designed on indigenous coal, thermal power stations situated in coal rich states are also considered for blending marginal quantity of their demand through imported coal.

For the year 2010-11, all the power utilities were advised to import 35 Million Tonne of coal. Utility-wise break up is given at Annex. Station-wise target for import within the overall import target for the utility is decided by the respective Power Utility.

(e) : Following steps have been taken/are being taken by the Government for full capacity utilisation of all the thermal power stations to meet the shortage of power in the country:

Rigorous monitoring of coal supply to thermal power stations by the Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal and Central Electricity Authority.

Review of coal production and supply to thermal power stations at the level of Cabinet Secretariat and Planning Commission.

Sensitising Ministry of Coal on regular basis in regard to coal requirement for the Thermal Power Stations with the object of enhancing production of coal in the country.

Allotment of new coal blocks by Ministry of Coal to Power Utilities for captive mining.

Thrust to import of coal in respect of power stations designed on indigenous coal to bridge the gap between requirement of coal and its availability from domestic sources.