

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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PURCHASE OF COAL THROUGH MMTC
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Tamil Nadu Electricity Board has been purchasing about 15 to 20 lakh tones of coal every year through Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation Limited (MMTC);
- (b) if so, whether the MMTC has been sourcing the coal from a Singapore based company whereas the MMTC is supposed to have sourced the contracted quantity through global tender;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

- (a): Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, now Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO), has been purchasing about 15-20 lakh tonnes of coal every year against a target of 18 lakh tonnes per year as stipulated by CEA for TANGEDCO.
- (b) & (c): MMTC has reportedly been facilitating import of coal for the erstwhile Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) now TANGEDCO since 2005-06 through global tendering process. M/s Adani Global Pte. Ltd., Singapore has remained the back up overseas supplier of MMTC being L-1 successful bidder of the tenders for import and supply of coal to TNEB/ TANGEDCO.
- (d): In view of the coal shortage scenario, import of coal is inevitable and the modus operandi for import of coal is decided by the concerned power utility.