

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:27

ANSWERED ON:10.11.2010

SUPPLY OF COAL TO POWER PLANTS

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several thermal power stations and kiln burn industry in the country particularly Andhra Pradesh and Bihar are facing acute shortage of coal feedstock;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and state-wise;
- (c) the steps taken /being taken to meet the demand of coal of thermal power stations and industries;
- (d) whether any requests from the State Governments particularly Andhra Pradesh for allocating captive coal block have been received by the Union Government; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon, State-wise and project-wise?

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

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.27 for 10.11.2010

(a) to (c): The Central Electricity Authority monitors the coal stock position at various power stations located in the country. Those power stations where coal stocks are less than 7 days are considered as having critical coal stock. As on 2.11.2010, out of 6 thermal power stations located in Andhra Pradesh and 3 thermal power stations in Bihar, one power station each in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar were having less than 7 days coal stock. However, as reported by the Central Electricity Authority, the current coal stocks at power stations of the country is better, in comparison to earlier years, as may be seen from the table given below:-

(figures in million tones)

| Date | All India Power Station coal stock | Andhra Pradesh Power Stations | Coal stock at Bihar Power Stations |
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| 2.11.2010 | 11.854 | 1.644 | 0.107 |
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| 2.11.2009 | 9.289 | 1.803 | 0.070 |
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| 2.11.2008 | 4.664 | 0.478 | 0.030 |
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| 2.11.2007 | 9.908 | 1.225 | 0.104 |
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So far as kiln burn industry is concerned, the coal supply from Coal India sources are catered primarily by the State Government nominated agencies and also through e-auction route. Demand of this segment of consumers is seasonal in nature and no agency maintains the books of coal stocks available with kiln burn industry consumers.

To take care of temporary shortages, an inter-ministerial Sub-group functioning in the Ministry of Coal monitors the coal supplies to power utilities, including those located in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar, for maintaining dispatches, keeping in view availability, logistics etc.

(d) & (e): The allocation of coal blocks is an ongoing process and the Ministry of Coal receive various applications from different States, including Andhra Pradesh; from time to time for allocation of coal blocks. At present, no coal blocks have been identified and earmarked for allocation to power sector and as such no coal blocks are available for allocation. However, applications for allocation are considered only when the same are invited on completion of the process of identification and earmarking of coal blocks.