

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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COAL CORRIDORS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coal corridors are proposed to be planned by the Railways to ensure timely supplies of coal to power projects;and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to ensure that the power sector get maximum benefit out of this?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) & (b) : Ministry of Railways have planned two dedicated freight corridors, namely Eastern Freight Corridor & Western Freight Corridor for movement of commodities including coal for Thermal Power Stations in the Country. While the Eastern Freight Corridor will inter-alia be used for movement of domestic coal to the power stations, Western Freight Corridor will be used for movement of commodities including imported coal to the power stations. No rail corridor exclusively dedicated to movement of coal to power projects has been planned by Railways. With the construction of these corridors, line capacity of Railways on these routes will get a quantum jump. Moreover, movement of coal for power plants is a 'programmed traffic' for Railways, which is accorded higher priority in allotment of rakes. Thus, Power Stations will get maximum benefit from the construction of these corridors.