

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF COAL

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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether shortage of coal in various thermal power plants of the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited and other plants in the country is affecting the power generation capacity of these plants;
- (b) if so, the details of demand and supply position of coal in various thermal power plants in the country during the last three years and the current year, project wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether the proposal to e-auction coal to ensure regular supply of coal to thermal power plants has been disapproved by the Ministry of Coal;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to import coal to meet the shortage of coal in these plants; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to meet the shortage of coal in the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Power Utilities, including NTPC, have reported a generation loss of 1.4 Billion Unit (BU) during the period April – June 2011 due to shortage of coal.
- (b): State-wise and projects- wise details of demand and supply position of coal in various thermal power plants in the country during the period April-June, 2011 is at Annex-I.
- (c) & (d): According to Ministry of Coal, there is no proposal under consideration to discontinue the scheme of e-auction of coal for thermal power plants.
- (e) & (f): In view of availability of coal from the domestic sources falling short of requirement, Power Utilities have been advised to import 35 Million Tonne (MT) of coal for the year 2011-12. In addition to this, 20 MT coal is to be imported by the thermal power stations designed on imported coal. Details of coal import during the year 2011-12 are enclosed at Annex-II. Ministry of Coal is impressed upon reviewing regularly to enhance production of coal in the country.