

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:608

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CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION OF COAL

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Gujarat and other States of the western part of the country are being allocated coal from eastern coal belt;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the criteria / norms being followed in this regard;
- (c) whether the State Government of Gujarat has submitted any request to the Union Government for allocation of coal to the State from Western Coalfields and other collieries located near to the State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide fuel subsidy to the State to compensate additional financial implications on account of import of additional coal for power generation; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL(SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) : Power stations of Gujarat and Rajasthan are predominantly supplied coal from the coalfields of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) located in the State of Chhatisgarh in Central and East Central India. In respect of power stations of Gujarat, a small quantity of coal is also supplied from the coalfields of Western Coalfields Limited(WCL) located in Western India in the State of Maharashtra. In respect of power stations of Rajasthan, apart from SECL sources, coal supplies are supplemented by supplies from Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) located in the State of Uttar Pradesh/Madhya Pradesh in Central India. In respect of power stations of Maharashtra, coal is supplied largely from Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) located in the State of Maharashtra and is supplemented by supplies from SECL and Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) located in Odisha in East Central India.

(b): The decision on source of allocation of coal is taken on the basis of long-term availability of coal in the source, potential for incremental production, transport logistics etc. Coal available at WCL, where there are no growth prospects is already linked to various power stations and other industries, so much so that even the power stations of Maharashtra are being supplied about 35% of coal from the States of Odisha and Chhatisgarh

(c) : Yes, Sir.

(d): The request of the Government of Gujarat for enhancement of allocation of coal from WCL sources is under examination of the inter-Ministerial Task Force constituted by the Ministry of Coal for review of the existing sources of coal and to consider the feasibility for rationalization of these sources. The Task Force has been asked to submit its report by 24th August 2011.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise, in view of reply given to part (e) of the question.