

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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QUALITY OF COAL SUPPLIED TO POWERPLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government supervise the quality of coal supplied to various thermal power plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) whether complaints from various States regarding the poor quality of coal being supplied to various thermal power plants in the country including Madhya Pradesh have come to the notice of the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): With the implementation of New Coal Distribution Policy (NCDP) issued by Ministry of Coal, coal supply by the subsidiaries of Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Limited is to be made to Thermal Power Stations of Power Utilities including those of Madhya Pradesh Power Generation Corporation Limited through Fuel Supply Agreement, which inter- alia contains provisions relating to quality of coal.

Quality of imported coal is being checked by the Power Utilities in accordance with the provisions of contract between the Power Utilities and coal supplier.

(c) to (e): The complaints in regard to quality of coal received by the thermal power stations are filed by the power plant authorities, including those of Madhya Pradesh, to the coal companies. The complaints mainly relate to coal mixed with big sized stones, boulders, soil, mud and other foreign material, grade slippage, etc. The complaints reported by the power utilities to CEA, are taken up by them with the coal companies and Ministry of Coal. An 'Inter Ministerial Sub-group' under the aegis of Ministry of Coal, also reviews every week the problems of coal supply & its quality and impresses upon Coal India Limited to address the problems reported in regard to quality of coal supplied to thermal power stations in the country.