

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:129

ANSWERED ON:30.11.2011

SHORTAGE OF COAL

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of coal production in the country between September and October, 2011;
- (b) whether a fall in coal production was registered during the said period;
- (c) if so, the quantum of shortfall alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether supply of coal to the thermal power plants was reduced during the above period; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT AS MENTIONED IN ANSWER TO STARRED QUESTION No.129 FOR ANSWER ON 30.11.2011 ASKED BY SHRI GOPINATH MUNDE AND SHRI RAMESH BAIS REGARDING SHORTAGE OF COAL.

(a) to (e): As against the monthly target of 40.60 million tonnes in September, 2011 and 47.08 million tonnes in October, 2011, the coal production was 29.84 million tonnes and 39.89 million tonnes respectively.. There was, therefore, a shortfall of 10.76 million tonnes during September, 2011 and 7.19 million during October, 2011.

During September and October, 2011, dispatches of coal and products by CIL to thermal power plants declined by 9% from 48.05 million tonnes during the corresponding period last year to 43.60 million tonnes (provisional). The percentage materialization of Assured Coal Quantity during September and October, 2011 was 77% and 87% respectively.

The main reasons for shortfall in production during the above period are (i) excessive rainfall in the month of September, 2011 resulting in damage of most of haul roads and submerging of lower most coal faces/benches in the underground and opencast projects; (ii) one day nationwide bandh called by coal workers union on 10-10-2011 in demand of additional annual bonus; (iii) due to the festivals in October, 2011 like Durga Puja from 4-10-2011 to 6-10-2011 (3 days) & Diwali on 26-10-2011; (iv) Law & Order problem mainly in Jharkhand and Orissa; and (v) the shortfall in coal production due to above reasons adversely affected dispatches to the thermal power plants.

All out efforts are being made to make up the shortfall during the remaining months of the current year.