

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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IRREGULAR SUPPLY OF COAL

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministries of Power and Coal have discussed or propose to discuss the issue of supply of coal to power projects on priority basis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Power has requested to his Ministry to provide coal supplies for power projects before going ahead with e-auction;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by his Ministry in this regard;
- (e) whether irregularities are being committed in providing coal to the power plants of Bihar; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Several meetings have been held under Chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary to discuss issues of supplying coal to power projects or priority, where representatives of Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power have been present. In addition, the matter is regularly reviewed by Ministry of Coal with Ministry of Power and Ministry of Railways. Coal India Limited (CIL) has been advised to improve the loading of coal to the power utilities on priority basis from October, 2011 onwards. The average rail loading from CIL sources during September and October, 2011 was 146 rakes and 158 rakes respectively . During November, 2011, upto 27th, however, the average rail loading from CIL sources had increased to about 181 rakes per day, out of which on an average 143.6 rakes were dispatched to the power sector.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Ministry of Coal decided in consultation with Ministry of Power that Coal India Limited (CIL) would allocate the monthly coal quantity offered under e-auction by various subsidiaries of CIL to the power utilities during October, 2011 under the condition that the transportation of the booked quantity of coal would be arranged by the power plants themselves. Accordingly, CIL offered an additional 5.05 Million Tonnes to power utilities in October, 2011 (against which a quantity of only 0.342 Million Tonnes has been booked by power utilities).

(e) & (f): There are three power plants in Bihar drawing coal from CIL sources namely Barauni Thermal Power Station (TPS), Muzaffarpur (Kanti) Thermal Power Plant (TPP) and Kahalgaon Thermal Power Station. No irregularities regarding supply of coal to these plants have come to the notice of Ministry of Coal.