

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF COAL

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had pre-estimated the shortage of coal for power generation in thermal power plants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether an action plan was implemented by the Government on the basis of pre-estimation; and
- (d) if so, the details of the action plan and the time by when it was implemented?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Depending upon the availability of indigenous coal, shortage of coal is estimated on a year to year basis. For the year 2011-12, against an estimated coal requirement of 455 Million Tonne(MT), availability of indigenous coal was indicated as 402 MT, thereby resulting in a shortfall of 53 MT coal.

(c)&(d): On the basis of pre-estimation of shortage of coal, Power Utilities were assigned an import target of 35 MT (equivalent to 53 MT of domestic coal due to higher calorific value) to bridge the gap between demand and indigenous availability of coal. Upto 31st October 2011 around 18 MT coal was imported by the Power Utilities for the power stations designed on indigenous coal.