

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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DIVERSION OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to divert a portion of coal currently being sold through the auction route to power projects;
- (b) if so, whether this move would provide necessary coal to power projects which stranded without adequate fuel for power generation; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Coal decided in consultation with Ministry of Power that Coal India Limited (CIL) would offer the monthly coal quantity 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 but power utilities have booked 0.342 million tonnes only.