

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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LIGNITE BASED POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of lignite based power plants in operation in the country, location-wise;
- (b) the details of capacity of each plant and the power generated by each of them, location-wise during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether there is wide range of fluctuation in power generation vis-à-vis total capacity of each plant;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether lignite supplied to the power plants is being sold out, especially in Barsingsar plant in Rajasthan; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of coal sold out during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a)&(b): The details of lignite based power stations/plants along with location, their capacity, power generation vis-a-vis generation target during last three years and current year i.e. 2011-12 (upto Feb.12) is furnished at Annexure-I.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. There is wide fluctuation in power generation vis-à-vis total capacity of various lignite based plants in the country, which is basically due to quality of fuel and forced outages of plants. However, there is no fluctuation in power generated by the Lignite based Power stations operated by Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC).

(e)&(f): No, Sir. However, left out meager quantity, after fully meeting the Lignite requirement for the Lignite based Power Plants is being sold out to other industries at Neyveli by the NLC. As far as Barsingsar Thermal Power Project at Rajasthan is concerned, it is intimated that though, mining of lignite started in January, 2010, both the power generation units were commissioned only by January, 2012, with a delay of 31 months due to delay in plant commissioning by M/s BHEL. As the lignite excavated could not be stored for a long time being a safety hazard, due to its inflammatory nature, the entire production in intervening period was sold to other industries at Rajasthan, purely as a temporary measure, as per details given below:

(Figures in Lakh Tonnes)

Lignite Sales (LT) 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 (till Feb, 2012)

Barsingsar Mines, 0.380 0.911 0.536 2.19
Rajasthan