

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF COAL

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of demand/requirement and supply position of coal in various public sector thermal power plants in the country during the last three years and the current year, project-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (b) the quantum of coal utilized by various thermal power plants in the country during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether power generation at certain thermal power plants has been affected due to shortage of coal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the shortage of coal in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Details of project-wise and state-wise coal requirement, receipt and consumption during last 3 years and current year (upto February, 2012) are given at Annex-I.

(c) & (d) : Power Utilities have reported a generation loss of 8.731 Billion Units in 2011-12 (upto February, 2012) due to shortage of coal. Station-wise details of generation loss due to shortage of coal, reported by the Power Utilities during April, 2011 – February, 2012, is given at Annex-II.

Following steps have been/are being taken by the Government to mitigate shortage of coal for the thermal power plants in the country :

Ministry of Coal / Coal India Ltd. are being insisted upon to enhance production of domestic coal in the country.

Power Utilities have been advised to import coal to extent technically feasible to bridge the gap between requirement of coal and its availability from domestic sources.

The coal supply position to thermal power stations is regularly reviewed in Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Power and Cabinet Secretariat with participation from the concerned Ministries, Central Electricity Authority, Coal India Limited and NTPC Limited.

Reduction in e-auction by CIL from 10% to 7% of its production progressively till the end of 12th Plan, if required, to meet its commitment to power sector.