

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF COAL TO NTPC POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the strike by coal workers in Telangana region in October, 2011 affected about 4000 MW power generation capacity of National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC);
- (b) if so, whether adequate availability of coal would enable the NTPC to augment its production capacity by 10 to 15 percent;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether NTPC required 1640 lakh tonnes of coal in 2012-13; and
- (e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to ensure uninterrupted supply of coal to the NTPC power plants?

Answer

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

- (a): The power generation was partly affected due to less coal supply during strike of coal workers in Telangana Region during October, 2011. NTPC's Ramagundam Station (2600 MW) suffered a generation loss of 293 MU due to less coal supply during the strike period.
- (b)&(c): Yes, Madam. During 2011-12, with adequate supply of coal, NTPC could have generated 3.39% more energy of the total coal based capacity.
- (d): The estimated requirement of coal for NTPC for the year 2012-13 is approx. 1640 lakh tones.
- (e): Following steps have been/are being taken by the Government to uninterrupted supply of coal for the thermal power plants including NTPC in the country:
 - (i) Ministry of Coal/Coal India Ltd. are being insisted upon to enhance production of domestic coal in the country.
 - (ii) NTPC has signed Fuel Supply Agreement for supply of 124.9 MMT of coal. Letter of Assurances (LOAs) for new projects have also been placed on Coal India Limited (CIL) for supply of 18.59 MMT of coal. Besides, NTPC has Bilateral MOUs with coal companies for supply of 2.3 MMT of coal.
 - (iii) 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.
 - (iv) 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.
 - (v) 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.
 - (vi) NTPC has been advised to bring their coalfield mines into production at the earliest.