

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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IMPLEMENTATION OF TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the recommendations of the Task Force on Coal allocation have been implemented;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the recommendations are likely to be implemented;
- (d) whether the Government has considered or proposes to consider the request of Gujarat for enhancement of coal supply to Gujarat, including Ukai thermal power plant from Western Coalfields Limited ; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Task Force pertaining to rationalization of sources in respect of consumers of captive power plants, sponge iron and cement plants have already been implemented by Coal India Limited (CIL). However, the recommendations pertaining to rationalization of sources of power utilities, which are all interlinked, have not been implemented so far due to unwillingness on the part of some of the State Electricity Boards for accepting the recommendation concerning them. Central Electricity Authority / Ministry of Power has been requested to impress upon all the concerned power utilities/State Governments to accept the recommendations in totality, for implementation of the same. No time frame by which the recommendations in respect of power utilities will be implemented by CIL, can be indicated at this stage.

(d) & (e): The Inter-Ministerial Task Force has not made any recommendations regarding increase in allocation of coal for any thermal power plant, including Ukai thermal power station, from Western Coalfields Limited (WCL). Coal available at WCL, where there are no growth prospects, is already linked to various power stations and other industries and, therefore, there is no prospect of additional coal being supplied from WCL to Ukai thermal power station.