

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:150

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DEMAND OF COAL

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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantity of coal demanded by various public and private sector power plants during the last three years and the current year, power plant-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the details of coal supplied by Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries to these power plants during the said period, power plant-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether there was mismatch between demand and supply of coal to these power plants;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, power plant-wise and year-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fully meet the demand of coal of these power plants?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.150 for 22.8.2012

(a)&(b): As part of Annual Plan, Ministry of Coal/Planning Commission assess the overall demand for coal sector-wise. Based on such assessed demand, coal company-wise supply plan targets are finalised for various sectors including Power sector. Supplies are made to the power plants based on the quantities finalised in the Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA)/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The details of power plant-wise coal despatches vis-à-vis commitments from CIL sources during 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 are at Annexure I. Supplies made vis-à-vis commitments during 2012-13 (upto July 2012) are at Annexure II.

(c): Shortage of coal is faced by a few power plants in the country due to various reasons. Despite this, the overall supply of coal to power plants from CIL has been more than 90% of the supply plan targets during the last three years and the current year.

(d): Despatches of coal to power plants vis-à-vis supply plan targets for the last three years and current year (upto Jul'12) are given below:

Despatch of Coal & Products to Power Plants from CIL (in Million Tonnes)

Year Target Despatch % Materialisation

2009-10	311.71	298.03	96%
2010-11	332.78	304.15	91%
2011-12	327.54	312.2	95%
2012-13	109.54	107.82	98%

(Upto  
July  
2012)  
(provi  
sional)

The major reasons for shortage of coal faced by some power plants are as under:-

(i) Annual Contracted Quantity (ACQ) is fixed at 85% Plant Load Factor (PLF) and FSAs are signed and supplies are made accordingly. However, some of the power houses operate at much higher PLF

(ii) less imports by many of the power houses, as compared to the targets fixed by MOP.

(iii) unloading constraints at some of the power houses.

(iv) self-regulation of coal receipts by the power plants.

(v) some pithead power plants themselves tend to keep less stocks to keep pace with the MGR facility available with them vis-à-vis their daily requirements.

(e): Coal India Limited has been asked to increase production from existing mines and expedite production from 116 blocks allocated to them. Endeavour is also being made to enhance coal production through development of coal blocks allotted to both private and public sector undertaking companies. Accordingly, the growth in coal production during 12th Plan is envisaged to be 8.05% (Compounded Annual Growth Rate) as against the actual growth of 4.61% in the 11th Plan. Further, while the consumers including power utilities are importing coal to meet the estimated gap between demand and indigenous availability, CIL is also exploring the possibility of import of coal to meet the gap between indigenous production and the FSA commitments.