

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:8
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2012
SUPPLY OF COAL TO POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been shortage of coal supply to various thermal power plants of the country during the year 2011-12;
- (b) if so, the details of thermal power plants affected as a result thereof along with the demand and supply position of coal in various thermal power plants in the country during the said period, Plant and State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is facing any difficulty in materializing the targets fixed for the import of coal to meet the demand of thermal power plants during the year 2012-13;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the quantity of coal imported so far; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the shortage of coal in various thermal power plants of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 8 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 22.11.2012 REGARDING SUPPLY OF COAL TO POWER PLANTS.

(a) & (b) : Power Utilities have reported a generation loss of 11.63 Billion Unit during the year 2011-12 due to shortage of coal. The station-wise generation loss reported by the Power Utilities due to shortage of coal is given at Annex-I. A statement giving Plant and State-wise coal requirement and receipt position is given at Annex- II.

(c) & (d) : The Power Utilities (central, state and private sectors) have not been able to import coal upto the level of import target. During April-October, 2012, 16.287 Million Tonne coal has been imported by the Power Utilities for blending with imported coal against annual import target of 46 Million Tonne.

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

- (i) Regular interaction with Ministry of Coal for expediting signing of fuel supply agreement by CIL with Power Utilities.
- (ii) Ministry of Coal / Coal India Limited (CIL) are being insisted up on to enhance production of coal in the country.
- (iii) Thrust on ramping up production of coal by captive coal block allottees from existing mines and expedite commissioning of new coal blocks.
- (iv) Import of coal, to the extent technically feasible, to bridge the gap between requirement of coal and its availability from domestic sources.