

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4424
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UTILISATION OF FLYASH OF NTPC POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) has asked the Railways to reduce freight rate for fly ash generated by its power plants to one third of the prevailing rate;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) whether the NTPC's ash utilization has been increased during the period from 1991-92 to 2010-11 and the utilization rate is still just 55 per cent of the total ash generated; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to increase its utilization level?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. NTPC has requested Railways vide letter dated 31-01- 2011 to reduce railway freight for fly ash from Class 120 to concessional railway tariff of Class LR4, which is nearly half of the prevailing rate. The concessional railway tariff of Class LR4 will make fly ash transportation by rail mode attractive to cement and other industries and will give fillip to ash utilization effort of NTPC. No response has been received from Railways, so far.
- (c) : Yes Madam. NTPC ash utilization has increased from 2.34% in the year 1991-92 to 55.14% in the year 2010-11.
- (d) : The ash utilization for the period 1991-92 to 2010-11 is given at Annex-I. The steps taken by NTPC to increase ash utilization level are given at Annex-II.