

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF FUEL
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various power projects in the country are running at half their installed generation capacity due to shortage of fuel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to ensure adequate supply of fuel to the Power Plants?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : For the year 2012-13, the Plant Load Factor (PLF) which is a measure of utilisation of the installed capacity of the Thermal Power Projects in the country was 69.95%. The performance of power plants in the country depend upon many factors like forced and planned outages, technological obsolescence of some of the vintage units, schedule from beneficiary states, transmission constraints and availability and quality of fuel for thermal plants. During the year 2012-13, as against the generation target of 767.3 Billion Unit (BU) of thermal based power plants, the actual generation was 760.37 BU, thus, almost meeting the generation target and with a growth of 7.27% over the last year generation of 708.8 BU.

(c) :In order to ensure adequate supply of fuel to the power plants, the following decisions have been taken by the Government :

(i) CIL will sign Fuel Supply Agreements (FSAs) with power plants that have entered into long term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with DISCOMs and have been commissioned/would get commissioned on or before 31st March, 2015.

The FSAs will be signed for full quantity of coal mentioned in the Letters of Assurance (LOAs) for a period of 20 years with trigger level of 80% for levy of disincentive and 90% for levy of incentive.

(ii) The Ministry of Coal has been requested to impress upon the coal companies to increase the coal production so as to meet the demands of power plants.

(iii) Power Utilities have been advised to import coal to bridge the gap between requirement and availability of indigenous coal.

(iv) Thrust on ramping up production of coal by the allottees of captive coal block from existing mines and expedite commissioning of new coal block.