

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF COAL TO POWER PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the coal companies are not supplying coals, as per the demand and agreement, to the power plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof?
- (c) whether some of the power plants are on the verge of closure in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has decided to supply coal to power stations in the country as per their demand;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): Central Electricity Authority (CEA) assesses the demand/coal requirement of various thermal power stations in the country. Against pro rata Annual Contracted Quantity (ACQ) of 196.27 Million Tonnes for the period April- November, 2009 as per allocation given by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for the units drawing coal from Coal India Limited sources, the coal supplies were around 191.27 Million Tonnes (provisional), which is about 98% of Annual Contracted Quantity.

(c): As reported by the Central Electricity Authority, the coal stock at power plants improved from a level of 9.29 Million Tonnes as on 31st October, 2009 to 10.65 Million Tonnes as on 30th November, 2009. The number of critical power stations having coal stock of less than 7 days reduced from a level of 27 to 25 during the same period. It is expected that coal production and transportation are likely to improve further and, therefore, closing down of power plants due to short supply of coal is not being apprehended.

(d): Does not arise, in view of reply given in respect of part (c) above.

(e) to (g): Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has estimated that as against the total coal requirement of 404 million tonnes required by power utilities during 2009-10, the indigenous availability would be about 363 million tonnes. Therefore, Ministry of Power has advised the power utilities to import 28.70 million tonnes which is equivalent to about 41 million tonnes of indigenous coal, during 2009-10 to bridge the gap between demand and indigenous availability.