

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether better quality and adequate quantity of coal is to be supplied to all the Thermal Power Stations under the Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Kahalgaon Thermal Power Station remained closed for three continuous days due to shortage of coal which affected the generation and distribution of electricity;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the prospective plan of the Government to ensure the availability of 15 days stock of coal for Kahalgaon Thermal Power Station?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a)&(b): The Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) assures supply of pre-determined quantity of coal of stipulated quality to all the thermal power stations. In order to ensure supply of committed quantity of coal, the FSA provides for payment of penalty by the supplying coal company in the event of shortfall in supply. Payment of coal bills raised by CIL and its subsidiary coal companies are made by the power stations on the basis of the assessed quality of coal by performing joint sampling at the loading end in the presence of representatives of power producer and CIL.

(c)&(d): As reported by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), in the recent past Kahalgaon thermal power station has been carrying coal stock of three to four days' consumption. As on 28th April, 2012 the available coal stock at this plant has been 152 thousand tonnes, which is capable of running the plant for four days.

(e): Coal supplies to Power Utility sector is monitored regularly by an Inter- Ministerial Sub-Group comprising representatives of Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Railways constituted by the Infrastructure Review Committee of Cabinet Secretariat. This Sub-Group takes various operational decisions for smooth coal supplies to power utilities and for meeting any contingent situations relating to Power sector including critical coal stock position.