

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:889  
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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 2012-13;
- (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 2013-14;
- (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) & (b) : Yes, Madam.

The plant-wise and State-wise details of affected thermal power plants having loss of generation due to shortage of coal along with the demand and supply position of coal during 2012-13 as reported by power utilities are enclosed at Annex.

(c) & (d) : The materialization of the target fixed for the import of coal to meet the demand of thermal power plant during the year 2013-14 (upto June, 2013) was 112%. Power utilities had imported 22.95 Million Tonne (MT) as against the pro-rata target of 20.5 MT.

(e) : In order to ensure adequate availability of coal, following steps have been taken/ proposed to be taken:

(i) The Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 21st June, 2013 has issued directive to Ministry of Coal/Coal India Limited to sign FSAs for a total capacity of 78000 MW, including tapering linkage which are likely to be commissioned by March, 2015.

(ii) In order to bridge shortfall in availability of domestic coal , Power Utilities have been advised to import 50 Million Tonne (MT) coal for the year 2013-14.

(iii) Ministry of Coal/ Coal India Ltd. being insisted upon to enhance production of domestic coal in the country along with associated development of adequate Rail/ Port/ Road infrastructure along with bridges etc. to facilitate evacuation / transportation of coal.