

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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COAL MINING IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) The details of the coal blocks available and coal mines presently in operation in the western part of the State of Rajasthan;
- (b) Whether inadequate availability of coal in Rajasthan is adversely affecting the power projects in the State; and
- (c) The steps being taken by the Government to ensure adequate coal supply to power stations in Rajasthan?

Answer

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

(a) There are no coal reserves available in the State of Rajasthan.

(b) to (c) Coal is supplied as per the terms of Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) for power stations in the country including those in Rajasthan. Coal India Limited (CIL) has guaranteed to supply 90% of Annual Contract Quantity (ACQ) for Thermal Power Plants (TPPs) commissioned prior to 31.03.2009 & 80% of ACQ for TPPs commissioned after 31.03.2009. Supply of coal from CIL sources to TPPs in Rajasthan in the current financial year, (till January, 2014), has been 78% of the committed quantity under FSA, with supply of 11.66 Million Tonnes against commitment of 13.47 Million Tonnes. Supplies could have been better but for regulation of supplies by Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL) power stations during the first half of the year in view of their comfortable coal stock position.

Further, as reported by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), none of the TPPS of Rajasthan are presently carrying critical coal stock position (coal stock of 7 days or less).

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 Minister 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.