

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:47

ANSWERED ON:26.02.2015

SHORTAGE OF FUEL FOR POWER PROJECTS

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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of power projects which are stressed for want of fuel indicating the requirements, availability and supply of fuel during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT/project-wise;
- (b) whether States have requested Government to supply adequate fuel for the power projects;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken thereon;
- (d) the additional power proposed to be generated by power projects including Maha Genco by the end of current financial year and during the next financial year, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the details of remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government to streamline supply of fuel to the power plants?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY ( SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL )

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 47 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 26.02.2015 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF FUEL FOR POWER PROJECTS.

(a) : The details of coal based power projects which are stressed due to non- availability of domestic coal linkage/Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) are at Annex-I. The details of coal supply to the commissioned projects (out of the list in Annex-I) during last 3 years are at Annex-II.

At present, 16,107.8 MW of gas based power generation capacity can be considered as stressed on account of non-availability of gas. Details are given at Annex-III.

(b) & (c) : Yes, Madam. Requests have been received from many States for supply of coal and gas to power projects located in their States. Due to shortage of domestic coal, Ministry of Coal has not granted any linkages since 2010. Further, due to shortage of domestic gas, Ministry of Power has issued an advisory recommending against setting up of new gas based power projects. Steps taken by Government to mitigate fuel shortages are given below in part (e).

(d) : The State wise additional thermal capacity which is expected to be commissioned during the remaining period of current financial year and next year 2015-16 are 3995 MW and 14306 MW respectively. The details of the projects are at Annex-IV. This includes 1160 MW and 1820 MW by MAHAGENCO during 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively. During the current year 2014-15 (upto 25th Feb, 2015), the generation capacity of 15250 MW has already been commissioned.

(e) : In order to ensure adequate availability of fuel, the following steps are being taken by the Government:

1. Steps have been taken by Coal India Ltd. to enhance production of domestic coal beyond current year's target.
2. Power Utilities can use imported coal to bridge the shortfall in domestic coal availability.
3. The availability of coal is being regularly monitored by the Ministry of Power and Ministry of Coal.
4. Significant relief to standard gas based power project depends on increased availability of domestic gas in the country.
5. Government of India has promulgated an Ordinance stipulating the methodology to be followed for auction/allocation of cancelled coal blocks.