

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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AUGMENTATION OF WAGONS FOR FERRYING FUEL

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that coal stock at private power projects is critically low as the railways have expressed inability to meet the demand for wagons for ferrying fuel;
- (b) if so, whether the railways were not consulted about carrying capacity before finalising Fuel Supply Agreements (FSAs) with the power companies;
- (c) if so, the details and the facts thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government for smooth ferry of fuel to the affected parties?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : As on 19th February, 2015 out of 100 power stations monitored on daily basis in Central Electricity Authority, 24 power stations were critical comprising 23 non pithead power plants having coal stock less than 7 days and 1 pithead power plant having less than 5 days. Out of 24 critical power plants, only 1 (one) private sector power plant i.e. Amravati TPS (810 MW) was critical.

For smooth transport of fuel, inter-alia, the Ministry of Railways/ Railway Board had issued instructions to their concerned Zonal Railways for treating IPPs (Independent Power Producers) at par with public sector power plants and also advised that IPPs and Coal India Limited (CIL) to source coal from more number of sidings in order to facilitate fast loading.