

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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TRANSPORTATION OF EXTRA COAL TO POWER PLANTS

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

(a)whether the Coal India Limited is transporting extra coal to power plants to tide over disruption of coal supplies during strike by trade unions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any strike at coal mining would affect the production loss of around 1.5 million tonnes of coal a day; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to check such loss of production of coal in future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)&(b):Coal India Limited(CIL) had operationalised a contingency plan so as to prevent shut down of any power station due to coal shortage. As per the contingency plan for the period commencing from 2 days prior to the strike up to 2 days after ending of strike, entire coal supply was diverted to power utility sector, particularly to power stations having critical coal stock.

With a view to monitoring coal supplies to Power Utility Sector, an Inter-Ministerial Sub-Group comprising representatives of Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Railways has been constituted. This Sub-Group takes various operational decisions for meeting any contingent situations relating to Power sector including critical coal stock position. Before and during the strike, the Sub-Group actively monitored coal supply position so that no major disruption took place.

(c)&(d): There was a loss in production of around 1.50 million tonnes due to strike on 06.01.2015 & 07.01.2015 in the mines of CIL.

In order to prevent such recurrence, structured meeting with central trade unions are being held regularly to maintain harmonious relations within the industry.