

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3903
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SUPPLY OF INFERIOR QUALITY OF FUEL
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the instances of supply of inferior quality of coal to thermal power stations have been reported to the Government;
- (b) if not, the details thereof along with the loss suffered by the thermal power stations as a result thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure supply of standard quality of coal to power plants to check the production cost, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Some of the power utilities i.e. M.P. Power Generating Company Ltd., NTPC Ltd., Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Ltd., Haryana Power Generation Corporation Ltd., Damoder Valley Corporation, etc. have reported instances of supply of inferior quality/grade slippage in supply of coal to their power plants to Central Electricity Authority (CEA).

In order to address their concern, Government has decided that with effect from 1st October, 2014, third party sampler would be appointed by power utilities themselves from a notified panel to ensure quality of coal.