

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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COAL SUPPLIES TO POWER PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the coal supplies to power plants in many States have improved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether many States have expressed confidence that improved supplies continue would lead to a comfortable situation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): During April, 2014 to November, 2014, there has been a growth of 15.3% in coal-based power generation over the corresponding period of last year. Coal supply from Coal India Limited(CIL) sources to power utilities in the country has improved. For the period April to November, 2014, it has been 242.91 MT (Provisional) which is 95% of 256.83 MT, the supply plan target finalized by Ministry of Coal as part of Annual Action Plan for 2014-15.

As reported by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), coal stock of major Thermal Power Plants (TPPs) in the country went down from 20.29 MT (equivalent to 14 days' requirement) as on 31.03.2014 to 7.23 MT (equivalent to 5 days' requirement) as on 19.10.2014, which has presently improved to 11.87 MT( equivalent to 8 days' requirement) as on 11.12.2014.

(c)&(d): The focus of the Government is on increasing production of coal by facilitating Environment & Forest clearances, pursuing with State Government for help in expediting land acquisition and coordinated effort with Railways for movement of coal. Steps have been taken by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries to augment coal production which includes capacity addition from new projects and use of mass production technologies.

In order to ensure adequate availability of coal to power utilities, Coal India Limited (CIL) has been impressed upon to enhance production of domestic coal in the country and power utilities have also been advised to enhance import of coal to meet the shortfall in domestic availability of coal.

In addition to above, with a view to monitor 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.

In view of above measures, coal supply position to power utility sector can be expected to remain comfortable.