

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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QUALITY OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the quality of the coal provided for the Yamunanagar and Khedar power plants is very lower and has resulted in lower production of power;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for supply of quality and adequate coal to these plants?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): The coal companies are supplying the requisite quality and quantity of coal to all power stations, including Yamunanagar and Khedar, under Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA). To bring about improvement in the quality of coal supply, the system of Third Party Sampling was introduced w.e.f 01.10.2013 by the selection of agencies through a transparent bidding process at the subsidiary coal companies. Joint sampling/ 3rd party sampling and analysis facilities at loading ends are provided to the power utilities under Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) for assessment of quality of coal jointly by the buyer and the seller and payment is made by the buyers as per the quality of coal so assessed jointly and thereby loading of proper quality coal to the power plants is ensured and taken care of. All other FSA holders, having annual contractual quantity of 4 lakh tonnes per annum and above, are also provided with the same facility of joint sampling/3rd party sampling at loading end. 25 Agencies have been empaneled for Third Party Sampling.

In order to produce better quality coal and to improve the quality of coal, CIL and its subsidiaries are adopting new technologies such as Selective Mining, Continuous Miners, Surface Miners and System of Washed Coal Technology etc.

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.