

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1759  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2019**

**Shortage of Coal**

**1759. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:**

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

(a) whether the Government has taken any positive steps to put a check on the shortage of coal situation in the state of Tamil Nadu which led to shutting down of two units of Mettur Thermal Power Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any other steps/initiatives to control the shortage of coal situation in country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COAL, FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) and (b):** In 2018-19 (upto 31.01.2019), TANGEDCO has been supplied 12.612 Million Tonnes (MT) coal from Coal India Limited (CIL) with a growth of more than 12% over the supply of 11.245 MT in the corresponding period of the last year. As per Central Electricity Authority (CEA) report dated 07.02.2019, Mettur TPS and Mettur TPS-II are having coal stocks of 10 days and 16 days respectively. At present, no power plant in Tamil Nadu is in critical/super critical category.

As per the CEA, the power supplied to the state of Tamil Nadu during the period April-December 2018 has been 82024 MU against the energy requirement 82120 MU which is 99.88%. Further no notified power cuts has been reported in respect of Tamil Nadu during this period.

**(c) and (d):** The following were some of the numerous steps taken to augment coal supply to power plants:

- i. The Power Houses in close vicinity of the coal fields are advised to move coal through road mode.
- ii. For proper utilization of Goods sheds, the power Houses are advised to move coal through road-cum-rail mode.
- iii. The captive modes of transport like, MGR, Belts, Ropes are being optimally utilized to move coal to the concerned power plants.
- iv. Supplies of coal to Power Houses through rail mode are being prioritized.
- v. Coal supplies to Power sector is monitored regularly by an Inter-Ministerial Sub-group comprising representative of Ministry of power, Ministry of Coal , Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Shipping, Coal India limited etc.

As a result of these steps taken for augmentation of supplies, coal stock at Power House end has improved to 22.066 MT as on 10.02.2019 which is equivalent to coal requirement for 14 days from 9.48 MT as on 22.10.2018, equivalent to 6 days.