

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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SUPPLY OF COAL TO THERMAL POWER STATIONS .
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has set up any Committee to review regular supply of coal to the thermal power stations in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether any difficulty has been encountered in ensuring supply of coal to thermal power stations during the last three years ;
- (d) If so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) The remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The supply of coal to thermal power stations is reviewed by the Standing Linkage Committee

(Short-term), an inter-ministerial body, under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary(Coal), which decides allocation of coal on quarterly basis. There is also a sub- group under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Coal) comprising of the representative of Ministry of Power, Railways and Central Electricity Authority to monitor supply of coal to various power stations and decide allocation of coal based on requirement of these power stations.

(c) to (e): The supply of coal to power plants is maintained as per Annual Plan target. However, some times supplies get affected due to factors like unloading constraints at power house end, blockage of railway line due to accidents/floods, local problems in mining areas etc. The sub-group takes corrective action to ensure restoration of coal supplies at the earliest.