

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF COAL

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

- (a) the quantum of coal supplied to Kota and Suratgarh Super thermal power station during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of the thermal power stations identified for operating with the imported coal in the country, plant-wise and State-wise including Rajasthan;
- (c) whether Kota and Suratgarh power stations of Rajasthan have been included in the list of power stations identified for import of coal;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has requested the Union Government to delete the names of both these stations from the list; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) to (f) : The details of coal supplied to Kota and Suratgarh Thermal Power Stations during the last three years and the current year are given at Annex-I.

In order to bridge the gap between anticipated requirement of coal and its availability from the domestic sources, Power Utilities were advised to import 35 Million Tonne of coal during the year 2010-11. Import of coal by all the well performing power utilities has become necessary in view of inadequate availability of coal from the domestic sources commensurate with their requirement. The target for import of coal by Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd. for the year 2010-11 is 1.46 Million Tonne. The utility-wise targets for import of coal for the year 2010-11 are given at Annex-II. The candidate power stations for import of coal are decided by the Power Utilities. Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd. has apportioned the import target between Kota and Suratgarh Thermal Power Stations.

Government of Rajasthan had, in April, 2008, requested to take out Kota and Rajasthan power stations out of the list of power plants which are required to import coal. However, in view of inadequate availability of coal from the domestic sources, it has not been possible to do so.