

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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Supply of Coal

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

- (a) the demand and supply of coal to power plants in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the demand of the power companies has been fulfilled and if not, the reasons therefor ;
- (c) whether the Coal India Limited has adequate reserves to supply coal to power plants of the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure supply of coal as per the demand of power plants?

**Answer**

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) : As per information provided by Central Electricity Authority, details of the demand and supply of coal to Thermal Power Plants(TPPs) in the country during each of the last three years .i.e. 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and the current year 2015-16 ( April-June, 2015) State wise are at the Annexure.

(b): In the Annual Plan for 2015-16, All India Coal Demand has been assessed to be 910 MT against which supplies from indigenous sources has been planned at 699.97 MT [Coal India Limited (CIL) : 550 MT; Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) : 56 MT & Others including captive blocks : 93.97 MT] with a shortfall of 210.03 MT which is envisaged to be met through imports by consuming sectors.

The reasons for gap in demand and supply of indigenous coal is the limited availability of requisite quantity and quality of indigenous coal and constrained growth in indigenous coal availability and infrastructural & operational bottlenecks in coal transportation in major coal bearing States of Jharkhand and Odisha.

(c): As on 01.04.2015 , a total of 306596 Mte. of Geological Resources of coal upto the maximum depth of 1200 Metre, have so far been estimated in India by Geological Survey of India. Adequacy of reserves depends upon mineability and rate of use.

(d): In addition to the monitoring mechanism available at coal companies and CIL, coal supplies to Power Utility sector is monitored regularly by an Inter-Ministerial Sub-Group comprising representatives of Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Railways constituted by the Infrastructure Constraints Review Committee of Cabinet Secretariat. This Sub-Group takes various operational decisions for meeting any contingent situations relating to Power sector including critical coal stock position.

In order to improve the overall coal availability for increased power generation and also to liquidate huge stock lying at the collieries, offer was made to all Power Generating Companies drawing coal under FSA to lift the coal which is held in the stocks on "as is where is" basis with the stipulation that the Power Stations will make their own evacuation arrangement. This scheme of supply under "as is where is" basis has been extended for 2015-16 as well. All TPPs having FSA from CIL sources have been informed to lift coal under this scheme by arranging their own logistics for movement from coal offered from various pithead locations.

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