

1	2	3	4	5	6
34	Andman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0
35	Lakshdweep	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	16588	12610	36147	65345

**Problem faced by power projects**

1372. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the power projects are facing contractual problems, resistance to land acquisitions, delay in environment and forest clearances and geographical issues;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India has 75 thermal power plants that depends for supplies of coal from State owned Coal India Ltd. which has produced 431.27 mt. of coal in 2009-10, short of its target; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Some of the power projects under construction/under development for likely benefits in the 11th Plan, 12th Plan and beyond have been affected due to contractual, geological, land acquisition problems and delay in environment and forest clearance.

(b) and (c) During the year 2009-10 Power Utilities had received 296.45 MT coal from Coal India Limited as against the target of 313 MT. The following steps have been taken to augment the supply of coal to thermal power stations in the country:

- Ministry of Coal has been requested to enhance production of coal in the country.
- Thrust to import coal to bridge the shortfall between requirement of coal and its availability from domestic sources.
- Ministry of Environment and Forests has been requested to expedite environmental/forest clearances to pending coal mining projects.