drains. Out of 26 industries, 7 units were found closed, 2 units were complying with discharge standards, 9 units required minor improvements and 8 units were found violating the norms for effluent discharge. Out of the 8 units found violating the norms, 4 units have been issued directions for closure, 3 units were issued directions for taking remedial action to achieve compliance with respect to the norms prescribed and one unit issued with show cause notice for closure.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Supply of coal to thermal power plants

†2016. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coal required annually at the Sanjay Gandhi Thermal Power Plant, Birsinghpur and Satpura Thermal Power Station in Madhya Pradesh and the respective quality of coal earmarked;

(b) whether it is a fact that the above said thermal power plants are not being provided with adequate quality of coal and the quality of coal is also not up to the mark;

(c) whether any correspondence or complaints have been received from the State Government in this connection and if so, the details of the action taken, so far; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL(SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Central Electricity Authority (CEA) asseses the demand/coal requirement of various existing thermal power stations, unit-wise, including the thermal power stations located in Madhya Pradesh. The quantity allocated for Sanjay Gandhi Thermal Power Station, Birsinghpur is 6.40 million tonnes per annum from South Eastern Coalfields Limited (coal of all grades) and 6.60 million tonnes per annum from Western Coalfields Limited (coal of grades C, D and E) for Satpura Thermal Power station.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Coal India Limited has reported that supplies of coal to Sanjay Gandhi Thermal Power Station are effected as per provisions of the Fuel Supply Agreement and the grades of entire supply of coal are conforming to the declared grades as per joint sampling. The weighted average Useful Heat Value (UHV) of coal supplied to Satpura Thermal Power Station during the year 2009-10 was 3775 K Cal./Kg and during April-October, 2010 it was 3858 K.Cal/Kg. against their boiler requirement of 3348 K.Cal/Kg.

(c) and (d) Communications were received from the State Government, *inter-alia*, on the quality of coal being supplied by SECL and WCL. In addition to the normal measures taken for maintaining quality by the coal companies, the following action has been taken by Western Coalfields Limited to improve the quality of coal:

(i) only crushed coal is being supplied through Coal Handling Plant/Feeder Breaker from all sidings of WCL.

(ii) a scheme for installation of Coal Handling Plant with Feeder Breaker at Hirdagarh siding of Kanhan area at an estimated cost of Rs.4.20 crores has been approved.

(iii) procurement of mobile crushers for Palachaori siding of Kanhan area is under consideration and

(iv) Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company Limited is monetarily compensated for the quantum of stones segregated at the thermal power station under the provisions of Fuel Supply Agreement.

National policy for exploitation of coal rejects

2017. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any national policy for exploitation of coal rejects (washery rejects);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when such a policy would be implemented?