

### Requirement of coal for thermal power plants

†2805. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Power Generation Corporation has fixed a target for Plant Load Factor (PLF) at 76.4 per cent for thermal power plants for 2011-12 for which 170 lakh metric tonnes of coal is needed;

(b) whether against it, only 150 lakh metric tonnes of coal has been allocated as annual contracted quantity;

(c) whether by the 18 May, 2011, only 17.40 lakh metric tonnes of coal has been provided against the 19.76 lakh metric tonnes of contracted quantity; and

(d) the action being taken by Government in such a situation to remove the hurdles in achieving the target of PLF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has reported that the generation target fixed for the thermal power stations of Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Corporation Limited (MPPGCL) for the year 2011-12 was 16108 Million Units, which amounts to a Plant Load Factor (PLF) of 62.5%. Keeping in view the wide gap between requirement and indigenous availability, Central Electricity Authority fixes the Annual Contracted Quantity (ACQ) of coal to be supplied to thermal power plants. MPPGCL was allocated 150 Lakh Tonens of coal as the Annual Contracted Quantity by the CEA.

(c) During the period April-May 2011, supply of coal to power stations of I MPPGCL from CIL sources was 22.40 lakh tonnes against the contracted quantity of 25.00 lakh tonnes with dispatch materialization at 90% of commitment. Less dispatch was primarily on account of Amarkantak Thermal Power Station where dispatch materialization was only 66% of commitment due to inadequate development of coal handling infrastructure for its 2nd unit and persistent unloading constraint. Despatch to Birsinghpur and Sarni Thermal Power Station had been 96% and 90% of commitment respectively. Despatch to these two power stations was adversely affected by unloading constraints at these power stations also. Though Western Coalfields Limited has offered lifting of coal by Road from its Pathakhera field for Sarni Thermal Power Station, there was no response from the power station.

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(d) As per CEA's daily coal stock report of 12.12.2011, coal stock at Amarkantak, Sarni and Birsinghpur TPS was sufficient for 40 days, 7 days and 4 days consumption respectively. Only Birsinghpur Thermal Power Station is having critical coal stock of 4 days due to unloading constraints as reported by CEA. Further, MPPGCL has imported only 17% of their pro-rata import target during the period April-November 2011.

#### **Coal-to-liquid projects**

†2806. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the MINISTER OF COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal-to-liquid (CTL) technology has become operational in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that apprehending the exorbitant pollution in this process, people are dissatisfied and agitated;

(c) whether permission for setting up of CTL projects has been granted from commercial point of view;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether such types of projects are being set up in Dhenkanal and Angul districts in Odisha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) A gazette notification has been issued notifying coal liquefaction as one of the specified end uses for the purpose of allotment of captive coal/lignite blocks to the entrepreneurs. Ministry of Coal has allotted two coal blocks in Talcher coalfields, in the district of Angul, Odisha i.e North of Arkhapal-Srirampur Block to M/s Strategic Energy Technology Systems Ltd. and Ramchandi Block to M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. with production capacity of about 80,000 barrels of oil per day per project which are expected to commence by 2018.

#### **Coal supply to industries**

2807. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

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