

**Supply of coal to power sector**

4812. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power sector was critically affected due to the problem of coal supply during the last year;

(b) if so, the demand of coal by the power sector and the amount actually supplied; and

(c) the reasons for short supply of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) During 2011-12, as against the Annual Contracted Quantity of 363.90 Million Tonnes to be supplied by Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) to the power plants, the actual supply was 348.51 Million Tonnes, which is about 96% of target. However, there was a growth in coal supplies of 11.62 Million Tonnes or 3.5% over supplies made to the power plants during 2010-11, as a result of which the coal based power generation witnessed a growth of 9.2% over the previous year.

(c) The supply of coal from CIL and SCCL, the major supplier of coal to power plants, was affected during 2011-12 largely due to the following reasons:

- (i) unloading constraints in some thermal power plants, leading to higher turnaround time of wagons,
- (ii) inadequate placement of MGR rakes by the pit-head power stations,
- (iii) self regulation of supplies by some power stations,
- (iv) sporadic incidents of law and order in the coalfields of Jharkhand and Odisha, affecting transportation of coal to sidings,
- (v) less off-take during monsoon due to heavy rains which affected transportation in the coalfields.
- (vi) prolonged strike in SCCL during September-October 2011.

**Allocation of coal blocks in Odisha**

4813. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal reserves in Odisha are being depleted excessively by allocating coal blocks to other States in comparison to other coal bearing States;