

The demand- supply gap has been envisaged to be met through imports of about 68 MT of coal, equivalent to 103 MT of indigenous coal.

Target of coal production

1570. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's biggest coal producer, CIL has missed its revised production target as it achieved only 435.84 million tonnes against the target of 447 million tonnes adding to the worries of power producer who are already facing supply crunch;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of factors responsible for less production; and

(c) the steps taken by CIL to boost the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) The actual production by CIL in 2011-12 was 435.84 million tonnes as against the revised target (RE) of 447.00 million tonnes which is 97.5% of the target. The main reasons for shortfall in production have been incessant rains in the 1st Quarter and 2nd Quarter of the year, Delay in forestry & environmental clearances, Law & Order problems particularly in CCL (Jharkhand) & MCL (Orissa), R & R and Land acquisition problems and Coal evacuation problem in some of the growing coalfields like CCL, MCL and SECL.

However, supplies to power sector from CIL have been 312.02 million tonnes in 2011-12 as against the target of 328.21 million tonnes for Power Utilities, which is an achievement 95%. Compared to the supply to power utilities of 304.145 million tonnes in 2010-11, the supply in 2011-12 has been 2.59 % more than the previous year.

(c) The steps taken by CIL to boost the production are as under:

- Production augmentation from existing mines through mechanization and modernization.
- Coal production from ongoing projects is programmed to increase from 227.50 million tones in 2011-12 to 333.33 million tonnes in 2016-17.

Another 96.13 million tonnes is envisaged to come from future new/expansion projects to be taken up during XII plan.

- Implementation of ongoing future project in time bound manner to achieve targetted production as per schedule by obtaining Environmental Clearances/Forestry Clearances and Land acquisition within the scheduled time.

Coal for power generation in Bihar

1571. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) how much quantity of coal is being supplied per month for power generation in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State is facing power shortage due to non-generation of power by their projects as a result of non-supply of required quantity of coal to their power projects;

(c) whether the Ministry has any plan to ensure timely supply of required quantity of coal to both power plants in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) to (d) Presently, there are three power plants located in Bihar which are drawing coal from Coal India Limited (CIL) sources *viz.* Barauni Thermal Power Station, Muzaffarpur (Kanti) Thermal Power Station (both of Bihar State Electricity Board) and Kahalgaon Thermal Power Station of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).

Coal India Limited have informed that Bihar State Electricity Board have requested for suspension of supply of coal for Barauni and Muzaffarpur Thermal Power Stations as they are under renovation and modernization. Accordingly, coal supply to these power stations stands suspended as per their request.

As regards Kahalgaon Thermal Power Station, during April to July 2012, the coal despatches from CIL sources was 3.674 million tonnes which is 117% of the committed quantity of 3.149 million tonnes for this period, under the Fuel Supply Agreement.