

On receipt of such complaints, remedial actions are taken by CIL and its subsidiary coal companies at the loading end. It is relevant to mention that as per New Coal Distribution Policy (NCDP) supply of coal to consumer is covered under Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA). As per the provision under FSA with all power plants and consumers having Annual Contracted Quantity (ACQ) of more 0.4 million tonne and above, coal supplies are covered under joint sampling and analysis at the loading ends and consumers make payment of coal bills as per the quality of coal, so determined jointly by the seller and the purchaser at the loading end. Besides, as per the provision in FSA, power plants are also compensated for stone of (+250 mm size) jointly measured at the power house end.

Coal production

3573. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the coal production registered a negative growth of 8.0 per cent in February, 2013 compared to its growth at 18.0 per cent in February, 2012;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is proposing any measures to increase the coal production in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) The growth of coal production in February, 2013 was (-)7.9% compared to the same month of previous year when it was 18.3%. The coal production during February, 2011, February, 2012 and February, 2013 was 47.615 MT, 56.335 MT and 51.869 MT respectively

The major reasons for the negative growth in February, 2013 are given below:

(i) Nation-wide strike on 20th and 21st February, 2013 called by all central trade unions.

(ii) February, 2012 was of 29 days i.e. one more working day as compared to February, 2013 of 28 days.

- (iii) Poor performance by outsourcing agencies in overburden removal at RG OC-III and KTK OC mines (SCCL) affected the overall performance.

(c) and (d) The following measures are taken by the Government to increase the coal production:

- Emphasis on modernization and technology development and coal quality improvement.
- Emphasis on infrastructure development.
- Periodical review of development of coal blocks.
- Development of some of the coal blocks assigned to CIL through engaging Mine Development & Operator (MDO).
- Periodical review of on going projects.
- Constant persuasion with Ministry of Railways for expeditious implementation of critical rail lines projects & improved supply of rakes.
- Regular persuasion with the State Governments on the pending issues and law & order problems.
- Regular interaction with line Ministries and State Governments for clearing Environment and Forest clearances for new projects.

Shortage of coal

3574. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of coal in the country, at present;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to import coal to tide over the situation;
- (d) if so, the sources thereof and the likely cost per metric tonne at which it is likely to be made available in the country; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to ensure regular supply of coal?