Secretariat. This Sub-Group makes various operational suggestions to ensure uninterrupted coal supplies to power utilities and for meeting any contingent situations relating to Power sector including critical coal stock position. The monitoring mechanism has ensured that coal stock at power plants of Tamil Nadu has improved from 0.54 million tonnes as on 01.04.2013 to 0.97 million tonnes as on 28.07.2013.

Supply of coal to power plants by CIL

624. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Coal India Limited (CIL) has not been able to supply coal to power plants and industries, as per the agreements;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;

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- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to improve the situation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) Coal India Limited (CIL) has been meeting more than 90% of its commitment as against the Annual Plan target finalised by Ministry of Coal/Planning Commission. The details of commitment and supply made by CIL during the last three years and in the current year (upto July, 2013) are as under:—

Actual supply from CIL vis-à-vis supply plan target in raw coal terms as finalised by MOC in Annual Plan

(In million tonnes)

Year	Supply plan target	Actual supply	% Mat
2010-11	460.50	424.50	92%
2011-12	452.00	433.08	96%
2012-13 (Provisional)	470.00	465.19	99%
2013-14 (upto July, 2013) (Provisional)	156.86	153.47	98%

(c) to (e) The gap between demand and supply of coal in the country is to be met through, coal imports. Considering the gap between coal demand and indigenous availability, Government of India has placed coal under Open General License (OGL) to facilitate import of coal freely by anyone in the country on payment of applicable duties. Over the years, Government has also reduced the import duty on coal to 0% for coking coal and 5% for non-coking coal in 2004-05. Further, in the Union Budget for 2013-14, in respect of steam coal and bituminous coal, Government has reduced the import duty to 2% and has levied countervailing duty of 2%.

In the draft Annual Plan for 2013-14, Ministry of Coal/Planning Commission has assessed the demand of coal in the country as 769.69 million tonnes. Against this demand, supply plan from indigenous sources has been planned to be 614.55 million tonnes with a demand-supply gap of 155.04 million tonnes which is envisaged to be met through imports by consuming sectors.

Coal and lignite production by NLC

625. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of coal and lignite produced by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) during the last three years and its value in rupees;
- (b) the income earned by NLC during those years and the funds allocated by the Central Government for the development of mines in Neyveli, Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether Government has designed any mechanism to provide adequate machinery and manpower support for exploitation of mines there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) The quantity of lignite produced by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) during the last three years and its value in rupees are given below. NLC does not produce coal:—

Details	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Quantity of lignite produced in lakh tonnes	231.44	245.90	262.23
Value of lignite in Rs. lakhs	287553.66	370041.01	412413.66