

(c) Coking coal resources in the country have limited occurrences and confined to the coal fields of Damodar Valley and certain parts of Sohagpur and Pench Coalfields. There has been no new find of coking coal deposits in the country during Regional/Promotion exploration undertaken in last several years. However, CMPDI has already taken up detailed exploration for proving coking coal resources in Jharia Coalfields (Singra, Kapuria and West Mahuda blocks), East Bokaro Coalfields (Chalkari Extension and Jaridih block), West Bokaro Coalfields (Loyio block), North Karanpura Coalfields (Badam dipside block), Ramgarh Coalfields (Ramgarh-II block) of Jharkhand and Sohagpur Coalfields (Chulia Bhulia East block) of Madhya Pradesh.

#### **Shortage of coal for Power Plants**

1333. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no shortage of coal and that the power plants should adhere to the guidelines for stocking of the dry fuel;

(b) whether it is also a fact that pit head stock of Coal India Ltd. was at 30.3 million tonnes; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that many State Governments have brought to the notice of Central Government about the shortage of coal at power plants, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) As per guidelines prescribed by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the thermal power stations are required to keep average coal stock for 21 days consumption for smooth operations. The norms for number of days of coal stock to be kept in the power plant depends on the distance of the power plant from the mine-head are as per details given below:—

Distance of Power Plant	Number of Days of Coal Stock
Pit-head Station	15
Upto 500 kms. away from Coal Mine	20
Upto 1,000 kms. away from Coal Mine	25
Beyond 1,000 kms. away from Coal Mine	30

Some power stations of the country opted to restrict the coal supplies from the Coal Companies during major part of the last year and in the initial months of this fiscal and preferred to consume coal from their stock when demand for power was subdued. Total coal stock at the power stations which was 38.87 Million Tonne (MT) in the beginning of 2016-17 had reduced to about 27.74 MT by the end of 2016-17, while stock with CIL increased from 57.64 MT to 68.42 MT during the

same period. Hence, there had been no shortage of coal in the beginning of the current fiscal *i.e.* 2017-18 at CIL end, but coal stock at Power House end reduced as Power Houses preferred to consume coal from their own stock during 2016-17.

(b) The pit head coal stock of CIL as on 01.04.2017 and 01.12.2017 was 68.42 MT and 29.987 MT (unaudited) respectively.

(c) Though many State Governments have informed about the shortage of coal, it is also a fact that number of Power Gencos had regulated their coal supply in 2016-17 and in the initial months of this fiscal when demand for power was subdued while preferring to consume from their stocks owing to their comfortable stock position. The details of some of such State Government Power Gencos are as under:—

Name of Power Genco	% Materialization against FSA during 2016-17	% Materialization against FSA during 2017-18 (1st Qtr.)
RRVUNL (Rajasthan)	53%	23%
PSPCL (Punjab)	64%	66%
MPPGCL (Madhya Pradesh)	46%	51%
HPGCL (Haryana)	54%	24%
GSECL (Gujarat)	51%	68%
Mahagenco (Maharashtra)	62%	77%

The coordinated efforts of Ministry of Coal, Coal India Limited and Railways have ensured stepping up coal supplies to Power Sector including State Gencos. In fact, coal supplies to Power Sector from CIL grew by 20%, 19%, 17% and 9% during the months of August-2017, September-2017, October-2017 and November-2017 respectively over the corresponding months of the last year.

#### **Grading and Notification of Coal Mines by CCO**

1334. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO), a Coal Ministry outfit, has been tasked with grading and notifying the mines of Coal India Ltd. from April, 2017, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) The details of finding by the said organization?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO), a subordinate office under Ministry of Coal was