

Supply of coal to power plants by Coal India Limited

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

(a) whether it is a fact that coal supplies to power plants by Coal India Limited (CIL) has increased by 14.4 per cent to 40.0 Million Tonnes (MT) in April, compared to the same month during last year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the CIL has gradually improved coal stock at power plants to around 16 MT, as of April 30, from that of a little over 7 MT six months ago; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Coal India Limited have dispatched 40.07 Million Tonnes (MT) of coal to power plants in the month of April, 2018, which is an increase of about 14% over the dispatch of 35.16 MT in April, 2017. The coal stock at the thermal power plants has increased from a level of 7.3 MT on 19.10.2017 to 15.89 MT as on 30.04.2018.

Improving quality of telecommunication services of mobile companies

†374. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the effective measures taken to improve the quality of telecommunication services of all the mobile companies associated with the Ministry of Communications and the reasons due to which, continuous uninterrupted services are not being provided to the consumers, along with the status of redressal of such issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): In order to facilitate improvement and expansion of telecommunication services, the Government has initiated a series of measures which includes:—

- (i) making available sufficient spectrum for mobile services including auction of 965 MHz in 2016,
- (ii) allowing spectrum sharing, trading and liberalization of administratively allocated spectrum as per the guidelines to facilitate efficient utilization,
- (iii) permitting sharing of active as well as passive infrastructure by the telecom service providers for achieving higher utilisation efficiency,

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