

As per the NCSSR scheme of funding, 6 Universities and 6 Medical Colleges, which were proposed to be identified for giving grants under the scheme, have been selected for setting up Department of Sports Science and Department of Sports Medicine therein respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Shortage of domestic supply of coal

134. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that domestic supply of coal is suffering from a shortfall, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the impact on the power sector of the country due to domestic coal supply being lesser than the demand;

(c) whether Government intends to encourage imports to cover the shortfall in domestic supply of coal and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase domestic supply of coal?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) and (b) The domestic coal supply has increased from 572.06 Million Tonnes (MT) in the year 2013-14 to 734.23 MT (provisional) in 2018-19. The supplies of domestic coal from Coal India Limited (CIL) has increased from 471.58 MT in 2013-14 to 608.14 MT (provisional) in 2018-19. In 2018-19, CIL supplied 491.25 MT (provisional) and SCCL supplied 55.3 MT (provisional) coal to Power sector. The augmentation of coal dispatch to Power sector has led to growth in coal based power generation by about 4% over the last year and also increase in the coal stock at Power plants end to the level of 30.95 MT, equivalent to 18 days consumption as on 31.03.2019.

(c) The coal import by power plants has reduced from 80.56 MT in 2015-16 to 61.55 MT in 2018-19. Coal and coke are under Open General License as per import policy of the Government and are imported by traders and consuming industries as per their requirement. As there is limited domestic availability of Coking coal and the power plants which are designed to consume imported coal continue to import coal for power generation, there is gap between overall demand and domestic supply of coal.

(d) The progress of production and offtake of CIL is reviewed on a regular basis. Coal supplies to Power sector is monitored regularly by an Inter-Ministerial Sub

Group comprising representatives of Ministries of Power, Coal, Railways, Shipping, Central Electricity Authority, NITI Aayog, CIL etc.

Supply of coal to Tamil Nadu

135. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any stern measures to ensure timely supply of coal to all Thermal Power Plants (TPP) across the country particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) to (c) In the year 2018-19, Coal India Limited (CIL) had supplied 491.54 Million Tonnes (MT) coal to power plants which was 8.2% more than the coal supplied in 2017-18. Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) supplied 55.3 MT coal to power plants in 2018-19 which was a growth of 3.6% over the same period of previous year. This has led to creation of a coal stock of 30.95 MT at the power plants as on 31.03.2019 which was sufficient for 18 days requirement. In 2018-19, the power plants of TANGEDCO have been supplied 23.26 MT coal from CIL with a growth of 3.5% over the supply of 22.49 MT in 2017-18. As on 16.06.2019, Tamil Nadu power plants have coal stock of 9.67 lakh tonne which is sufficient for 12 days requirement. At present, no power plant in Tamil Nadu is in critical/super critical category. Some of the numerous steps taken to augment coal supply to power plants are:—

- (i) The power plants in close vicinity of coal fields have been advised to move coal through road mode.
- (ii) For proper utilization of Goods sheds, the power plants have been advised to move coal through road-cum-rail mode.
- (iii) Optimal utilization of the captive modes of transport like, MGR, Belts, Ropes to move coal to the concerned power plants.
- (iv) Supply of coal to Power plants through rail mode is prioritized.
- (v) Coal supplies to Power sector is monitored regularly by an Inter-Ministerial Sub-group comprising representative of Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Shipping, Coal India Limited etc.

As a result of these steps, coal stock at power plants as on 16.06.2019 has increased to 27.01 MT from 15.44 MT as on 16.06.2018.