

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.