

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN): (a) 3049 assurances given by the Ministers during last five years (19.03.2015 to 19.03.2020).

(b) 1089 assurances are pending for fulfilment as on 19.03.2020.

(c) The oldest assurance is Unstarred Question no. 3026 dated 19.04.1999 which belongs to Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and 55 assurances are pending for more than one decade.

(d) Information has to be collected from various sources like other Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State Governments and other agencies. There are some assurances which are dependent on Court cases and they can be fulfilled only after the final verdict of the court is given. There are some cases which involves policy decisions too large to be handled by a single Ministry/Department. All these factors contribute to delay in fulfilment of the assurances.

Coal production targets of CIL

*307. DR. AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a roadmap to meet the target of one billion tonne coal production by Coal India Limited (CIL) by the year 2024-25;

(b) the required growth rate necessary to meet such a target;

(c) the average growth rate of coal production in the preceding five years;

(d) whether the production target for the year 2019-20 was achieved;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of present coal stock in power plants in the month of February?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) and (b) Coal India Limited (CIL) has been directed to achieve 1 BT coal production by 2023-24 with a required compound average growth rate (CAGR) of 10.95%.

(c) Details of raw coal production trend and average growth of CIL during last five years is given below:-

	(in million tonnes)				
Year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Total CIL production	494.24	538.75	554.14	567.37	606.89
Growth (%)	6.9	9.0	2.9	2.4	7.0
CAGR(%)			5.27		

(d) and (e) All India coal production target for 2019-20 is 810 MT against which 633 MT was produced in April - February, 2019-20. During April-February, 2019-20, coal production declined by 0.64% as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. The decline in coal production is largely due to heavy rainfall witnessed in the coal mining areas in the current year which was around 25% more than the previous year. Further, rains also continued during the month of October. However, production has started showing an upward trend since November, 2019 and the country achieved highest ever production of 69.6 MT in December, 2019, 74.8 MT in January, 2020 and 78 MT in February, 2020.

(f) As per CEA report, coal stock with power plants has increased to the level of 40.013 million tones, equivalent to consumption of 23 days as on 15.03.2020.

The present stock of 40.013 million tonnes at power plant end is all-time highest stock in the last decade.

Environmental clearance to coal based power plants

*308. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of old polluting coal based power plants shut down during last five years with dates of shutdown; and

(b) the details of locations and names of the coal based power plants which have been given environmental clearance during last five years?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) As per report received from the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), 102 units of 43 Thermal Power Stations /Plants with capacity of