

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*5
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021**

Coal stock to meet additional demand of coal for thermal power stations

***5. Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited (CIL) is the largest source of coal for supply to thermal power stations in the country;
- (b) if so, its share of supply and control on private miners;
- (c) whether CIL has sufficient buffer stock of coal to meet the increased demand for coal by the thermal power stations during summer months; and
- (d) whether CIL has taken adequate measures for improved transportation of coal to the power stations and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES

(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 5 for answer on 19.07.2021 asked by Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): In 2020-21, as per Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the total coal receipt to the thermal power stations was 596.015 Million tonnes (MT) out of which 444.97 MT coal was supplied by Coal India Limited (CIL) which is about 75% of the total coal receipt to the power sector. CIL has no control on private mines as it does not fall under the purview of CIL.

(c): In 2021-22 (as on 12.07.2021), coal stock of more than 59 MT is available at pithead of CIL mines besides powerhouses are carrying about 25 MT coal stock at their end. As coal demand rises, coal production will also increase in the coming months and the coal stock is also expected to increase in the remaining days of the current fiscal. There is adequate quantity of coal lying with CIL to meet the requirement of Power sector.

(d): In order to achieve the planned growth in coal evacuation with minimum impact on environment, CIL has deployed a multi-pronged strategy, which is enumerated below:

- Over the last three years, CIL has substantially increased rail portfolio as a preferred mode of transport. Around 80% of the coal gets transported through non-road mode. During 2020-21, a total quantity of 325 MT of coal was transported through rail modes while 131 MT was transported through exclusive road mode. The multiple advantages of rail mode have reduced traffic congestion, lesser road accidents and reduce impact on air quality.
- During 2020-21, three number of silos have been operationalized adding to coal evacuation infrastructure.
- CIL has taken steps to upgrade the mechanized coal transportation and loading system under 'First Mile Connectivity' projects. The target for completion of all the Phase I projects is by FY 2023-24.
