

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.34  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021**

**Demand of coal in power sector**

**34. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:**

**Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Coal India Limited is ready to fulfill the increasing demand of coal in power sector;
- (b) if so, whether the company is emphasizing on increasing its production to increase the supply for coal- based power plants;
- (c) whether a good percentage of coal based power production in the country is depended on supply by coal India Limited and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Coal India Limited has sufficient amount of coal in its coal mines and, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES**

**(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)**

**(a) & (b):** In order to augment dispatches and achieve the targeted offtake, Coal India Limited (CIL) has taken necessary steps for achieving highest ever power despatch & power rake loading in 2021-22. CIL has dispatched around 54 Million Tonnes (MT) more coal during April-October 2021 in comparison to the same period of last year. CIL has dispatched 291.72 MT of coal during this period, posting a 23% growth against 237.75 MT during the same period of last fiscal. There is sufficient coal available at CIL's end to cater to the increasing needs of the power Sector in the coming days. CIL has envisaged a production Plan to reach 1 billion tonnes of coal production which will further boost the domestic availability of coal in the country.

**(c):** Ministry of Power/ Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has given a projection of 723 MT of coal to be supplied to Power Sector for the year 2021-22, out of which CIL caters to roughly 76% i.e. 548 MT. Thus, majority of the generation of Power in the country is fueled by CIL.

**(d):** CIL has sufficient amount of coal stock. In the year 2020-21, CIL had ended the fiscal with a record high stock of 99.13 MT at its pithead. In the current year, as on 24.11.2021, CIL is carrying a pithead coal stock of around 32.30 MT and with the surge in production in the coming days of the current fiscal, the stock is expected to increase further.

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