

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.832
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021**

Meeting of GoM on coal shortage

832. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of COAL pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of States have raised concerns regarding shortage of coal for power plants, some having stock of one or two days in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Group of Ministers(GoM) had to call an urgent meeting to speed up the supply of coal to power plants; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for calling this meeting despite the fact that there is no shortage of coal?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES

(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) & (b): There is no shortage of coal in the country. Due to increased demand of power, less power generation by imported coal based power plants and some interruption in supply of coal due to heavy rains, the coal stock at the power plants depleted to 7.2 Million Tonnes (MT) (sufficient for 4 days) as on 8th October, 2021. Subsequently with increased coal supplies, the coal stock has started increasing and has now reached 17.29 MT (sufficient for 9 days) as on 29.11.2021. Coal India Limited (CIL) has dispatched around 54 MT more coal during April - October'21 in comparison to the same period of last year. CIL has dispatched 291.72 MT coal during this period, against 237.75 MT during the same period of last fiscal.

As per Central Electricity Authority (CEA) generation report during the period of April to October, 21, the coal based power generation is 594.34 BU, against 511.46 BU during the same period of the last fiscal.

(c) to (d): The Ministers of Coal, Power and Railways had reviewed the power demand, coal supply and coal transportation to the thermal power plants in the country on 21.09.2021 and 19.10.2021.
