

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3839
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COAL STOCK IN THERMAL POWER PLANTS

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government's guidelines mandate thermal power projects to stock coal for 14 days to avoid any crisis;
- (b) if so, the reasons that many thermal power plants are not abiding by this and keeping stocks only for 2-3 days;
- (c) the reasons that there is coal shortage and the thermal power plants and States are running helter-skelter for coal; and
- (d) the present status of coal production, supply and imports?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (c) : To maintain adequate coal stock by thermal power plants, the Government on 06.12.2021 has issued the revised coal stocking norms which mandate the power plants to maintain coal stock at a daily requirement of 85% PLF for 12 to 17 days in case of pithead plants and 20 to 26 days in case of non-pithead plants, with seasonal variation based on despatch/consumption pattern during the year.

The coal stock on 28th March, 2022 was 25.5 MT, which is sufficient for an average of about 9 days at a requirement of 85% PLF.

(d) : During April, 2021 to February, 2022, the production of coal from CIL, SCCL and Captive mines allotted to power sector and coal despatched to power sector were as under:

(in MT)

| April, 2021 to February, 2022 | CIL | SCCL | Captive Mines allocated to power sector | Total |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|---|-------|
| Coal Production | 542.4 | 58.6 | 73.4 | 674.4 |
| Coal Despatch to Power Sector | 487.9 | 48.9 | 64.1 | 600.9 |

Further, the coal imported by power sector during April, 2021 to February, 2022 was about 24.2 MT.
