

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF POWER  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1114**  
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2022

**COAL SHORTAGE IN THERMAL POWER PLANTS**

**1114 # DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:**

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

- (a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards the problem of shortage of coal being faced by the thermal power plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government of Rajasthan has requested to provide adequate quantity of coal for the operation of power plants in the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government to meet the shortage of coal?

**A N S W E R**

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

**(a) & (b) :** The coal stock available in the Thermal Power Plants (TPPs) of the country is monitored by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on daily basis. As on 31.03.2022, the coal stock was about 25.6 Million Tonnes (MT) and depleted to 21.9 MT as on 30.04.2022 but has increased in the months of May and June, 2022 and now reached 28.4 MT as on 17.07.2022, which is sufficient for an average of 10 days at a requirement of 85% Plant Load Factor (PLF).

**(c) & (d) :** The following requests were received from the Government of Rajasthan regarding coal supply to thermal power plants of RVUNL:-

- (i) The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan vide DO letter dated 09.09.2021 addressed to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy requested to ask the Ministry of Coal and Coal India Limited to supply 11-12 rakes/day to RVUN's power stations to ensure uninterrupted power in the State.
- (ii) The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan vide DO letter dated 15.11.2021 addressed to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy requested that the pending issues of coal blocks of RVUN may be taken up with MoEF&CC and to ask CIL for supply of additional 3-4 rakes/per day.

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(iii) The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan vide DO letter dated 15.02.2022 addressed to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy requested for following interventions:

1. SECL/NCL to supply 42500 Metric Tonnes/day coal (GCV value-4500 kcal/kg) to 4340 MW capacity, which is currently linked to captive coal blocks of RVUN.
2. Allocation of additional 6 rakes/day over and above 9.3 rakes/day currently being supplied (total: 15.3 rakes/day) to the thermal power plants of RVUN linked to CIL.
3. To help expedite land acquisition and other approvals/clearances for 1136 hectares of second phase of PEKB coal block from the Government of Chhattisgarh.

Government has taken following actions to augment coal supply to power plants in the country:-

- (i) An Inter-Ministerial Sub Group comprising of representatives from Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Railways, Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) meet regularly to take various operational decisions to enhance supply of coal to thermal power plants as well as for meeting any contingent situations relating to Power Sector including to alleviate critical coal stock position in power plants.
- (ii) As per the decision taken in the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary on augmentation of coal supply and power generation capacity, a Secretary level Inter Ministerial Committee has been set up to ensure that the medium and long term requirements of coal to power plants are met. The IMC comprises of Chairman Railway Board, Secretary, Ministry of Coal and Secretary, Ministry of Power as convener.
- (iii) Ministry of Power vide OM dated 28.04.2022 has advised power plants to import coal for blending purposes during 2022-23.
- (iv) Standing Committee on Linkage (Long Term) vide its meeting dated 29.03.2022 has recommended the bridge linkage of coal for a capacity of 2170 MW in Rajasthan against the two non-operational coal blocks i.e. Parsa and Kente Ext., for a period of 01 year.
- (v) MoP vide OM dated 13.7.2022 requested Ministry of Railways for grant of higher priority in loading of coal for power houses from goods sheds, private washery and imported coal loading from ports to power houses for thermal purpose.

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