

tonnes per month is meant for generation and 0.5 lakh tonnes per month for stock building taking into consideration the trend of coal consumption by Sarni TPS in the last several months.

In addition to this a quantity of 45,000 tonnes of slurry which is equivalent to grade 'D' coal, was also offered to Sarni TPS by WCL for stock building but was not lifted by the power house.

Coal supplied by WCL to Madhya Pradesh Vidyut Mandal

†285. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh Vidyut Mandal has brought to the notice of Western Coalfield that coal supplied by them is not of good quality;

(b) whether stone contents in this coal are very high;

(c) if so, the action being taken to make improvement in the same; and

(d) whether the coal company propose to compensate for the losses incurred to Madhya Pradesh Vidyut Mandal for not supplying good quality of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Coal companies have received complaints from MPSEB that the quality of coal supplied is not as per declared grade.

(b) to (d) The contents of extraneous material in coal is within the stipulated grades. The payment is finally decided on the basis of results of Joint Sampling. MPSEB had been deducting unilaterally from the bills of coal companies on the allegations of grade slippage. However, coal companies and MPSEB are taking steps to enter into comprehensive Fuel Supply Agreements, which include joint sampling of coal supplied to MPSEB to avoid the complaints regarding quality.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.