

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*59
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2021**

Supply of Coal to Power Companies

***59. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:**

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the quantity of coal supplied to power companies was more than the previous year and yet electricity production was affected due to shortage of coal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the responsibility for the lapse has been fixed; and
- (d) the details of action taken against those found guilty?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES

(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.59 for answer on 01.12.2021 asked by SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD.

(a) & (b): The receipt of coal in the power plants and generation of electricity during the period April-September of 2021-22 as compared to same period last year are as under:

Period	Receipt of Coal (Million Tonne)	Coal based Generation (Billion Units)
2020-21 (April-September)	265.3	429.2
2021-22 (April-September)	324.2	510.9

The receipt of coal by the power plants was more during Apr-Sep, 2021 as compared to same period last year and the coal based generation was also commensurate with the coal receipt. However, coal availability is also impacted by the carry-over of stocks from the previous year. These stocks were lower at thermal power plants on 31st March, 2021 than on the same date last year. The stocks at CIL mines were, however, at a record high. Thermal power plants stock up coal on the basis of their expectation of likely power demand and other reasons. The coal based generation has not been affected during Apr-Sept, 2021 period.

(c) & (d): In view of the above, this does not arise.
