



Ministry of Coal

Secretary, Ministry of Coal reviews the coal supply position to the Thermal Power Plants

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Secretary, Ministry of Coal Shri Susheel Kumar reviewed the coal supply position to the Thermal Power Plants in the country. The meeting was attended by CMD CIL and all the CMDs of the subsidiary companies of CIL.

There has been growth of 17% in coal based thermal power generation, this is primarily on account of reduction in hydro power generation by 12%, in nuclear power generation by 36% and others by 7% in August, 2017 over August, 2016. CMD CIL expressed that the TPPs had earlier regulated and reduced their coal intake and presently when the production in the coal companies and off take from them is sporadically restrained on account of excessive rainfall, there has been a sudden increase in coal based power generation which has resulted in dwindling coal stock at the TPPs. CMD CIL also stated that there has been a growth of 17.8% in coal off take in August, 2017 as compared to August, 2016 and the overall cumulative growth in coal off take is 7.2% in the current year corresponding to the same period last year.

To meet the emergent situation of coal supply, Secretary, Ministry of Coal issued the following directions to CIL:

- (i) The coal loading through railway rakes shall be increased to 250 rakes per day by CIL;
- (ii) The Ministry of Railways has been requested to position these rakes in consultation with CIL subsidiaries;
- (iii) Of these, 225 rakes per day shall be supplied to the power sector;
- (iv) For every power plant, one subsidiary of CIL has been assigned the role of lead company. The lead company shall be responsible to monitor and ensure that the power plants linked to it are out of criticality;
- (v) A control room at CIL shall monitor the coal supply position to the TPPs on 24x7 basis;
- (vi) The offer of coal on 'as is, where is' basis shall be made by CIL to all the power plants. CIL shall also request Ministry of Power to direct the pithead TPPs to augment coal supplies through this route.

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