

Requests for Domestic Coal Linkages by State sector Power Projects, originally envisaged on Imported Coal, being considered under SHAKTI POLICY

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Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Shri Raj Kumar Singh, in a written reply to a question on number of power plants dependent on imported coal in the country, in Lok Sabha today informed that Ministry of Coal, in May 2017, has issued new coal linkage policy for Power Sector - 2017 **SHAKTI POLICY**. Under Clause B(vii) of the policy, a provision has been made for allocating coal linkage through bidding process to Independent Power Producers (IPPs) having Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) based on imported coal, with full pass through of cost saving to consumers. Further, several State Sector projects which were envisaged on imported coal and now propose to use domestic coal have requested for accord of domestic coal linkage. These requests are considered under Clause B (i) of SHAKTI POLICY, the Minister added.

Shri Singh informed that some power plants have been designed to operate on imported coal and hence, there are technical constraints in operating them on domestic coal. As per reports with the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the details of coal based thermal power plants designed on imported coal are as given in the table below. In addition, some power plants use imported coal for blending with domestic coal, the Minister added.

Sl. No.	Plant Name	Capacity (MW)	Utility
1.	Sikka TPS	500	Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited
2.	Trombay TPS	1250	Tata Power
3.	Ratnagiri	1200	JSW Energy
4.	Torangullu	860	JSW Energy
5.	Mundra TPS*	4620	Adani Power
6.	Uduppi TPS	1200	Adani Power
7.	Mundra UMPP	4000	Coastal Gujarat Power Ltd.
8.	Salaya TPS	1200	Essar
9.	Simhapuri TPS	600	Simhapuri Energy
10.	Thamminapatnam TPS	300	Meenakshi Energy
11.	Mutiara TPS	1200	Costal Energen

(*: Out of 4620 MW, 1980 MW is designed on 70:30 blending ratio.)

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