

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*142
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022**

Shortage of Coal

***142. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:**

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any new initiative to check the shortage of coal in the country for proper functioning of Thermal Power Stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to control the shortage of coal in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES

(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question no. 142 for answer on 27.07.2022 asked by Shri Jagdambika Pal:

(a) to (c): There is no shortage of coal in the country. The all India coal production in the year 2021-2022 was 778.19 Million Tonne (MT) in comparison to 716.083 MT in the year 2020-2021. Further, in the current financial year (upto June'22), the country has produced 204.876 MT of coal as compared to 156.11 MT during the same period of last year with a growth of about 31%.

In 2022-2023 (April, 2022 to June, 2022), as per Ministry of Power, all India average gap between the Energy Requirement and Energy Supplied was only 1%. Gap between energy demand and supply is generally on account of factors other than inadequacy of power availability in the country, e.g. constraints in distribution network, financial constraints, commercial reasons, forced outage of generating units, etc.
