
Wet coal has hit power generation in India - Mr Pawar

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Mr Ajit Pawar energy minister of India said that power generation has been affected in the state as the coal utilized by power projects has got wet in the rains.

Mr Pawar said that "As a result, the plants could not generate power to its full capacity. Besides, power generation from Koyna project in western Maharashtra has been kept closed as the work of lake tapping is still on. Moreover, one unit of the power generating unit at Dabhol had stopped production."

He said that the state has thermal power plants at Parli, Koradi, Bhusawal, Chandrapur and other places. The demand for power had gone up to 15,000 MW in peak summer. With the onset of monsoon, there is no need for water pumps in fields. Besides, people have reduced the usage of air conditioners and fans. There is a lot of shortfall and we produce around 9,000 MW now. There is still a shortfall of 4,000 MW, while in summer, the shortfall was 6,000 MW.

He added that due to a good rainfall, many dams where hydro electricity is generated are filled up. In the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, the state electricity board supplies power to Thane, Mulund, Bhandup, Vasai Virar, Navi Mumbai, Pandal, Kalyan Dombivli and Ambernath.

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