

Theme: Role of Coal in Energy Transition

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Fossil fuels like Coal, Oil and Natural Gas with Coal occupying the dominant position, have been the prime source of Commercial Energy for the mankind right since the time of Industrial Revolution.

An enormous amount of wealth has been generated by Coal and it will not be an exaggeration if we credit Coal for the current affluence of the developed countries of the world. Scientific studies have however revealed that use of progressively increasing quantities of Coal particularly for power generation has played a major role towards making the planet warmer. In fact, the current assessment shows that unless the world puts a stop to addition of Greenhouse Gases into the atmosphere, the Earth will become uninhabitable in no time. It is on this account that different countries have fixed targets for the year by which they would decarbonize their economy.

But then, it has also to be accepted that it is becoming extremely difficult, if not impossible to do away with the Coal since even today 36% of Power Generation globally depends on Coal. For India, importance of Coal is much greater in as much as 75% of our Power Generation is fueled by Coal. We are having very limited reserves of Oil and Gas, 80% of which is imported and Coal is the only fossil fuel of which we have abundance and which meets more than 50% of our Commercial energy needs. Despite all that has been achieved, the per capita consumption of Power in India is even now very low - 1300 units and for improving the standard of living in our country, we have to increase this level several times. For this purpose, we have to increase our power generation and for achieving this we have to increase our Coal production immediately to 1 BT per annum and 1.5 BT per year by 2030.

We however realize our responsibilities as global citizens that we cannot continue to burn Coal in BAU (Business As Usual) manner and we have therefore decided to adopt a strategy of improving technological aspects of coal combustion for containing its adverse impact on Environment and also shift our total dependence of Coal partly and to a large measure to Renewables.

This technological improvement is being brought about by:

- (i) Adopting Clean Coal Technologies.
- (ii) Using Technologies to improve thermal efficiently from the current level to as much as 45%
- (iii) Carbon Capture and utilization/ sequestration
- (iv) Beneficiating our Power Grade Coal for reducing Ash
- (v) Phasing out old Power Plants based on sub-critical technologies
- (v) Setting up new Plants based on HELE technologies

Regarding Coal Beneficiation, it is worth mention that we had made significant advance in this direction by washing greater quantities of Power grade coal but the recent withdrawal of the mandate in this regard has been a setback. It will be desirable to take a fresh look on this issue.

While on the subject, it would also be relevant to add that the developed world which has built its fortune based on Coal and pumped enormous quantities of GHG into the atmosphere should do soul - searching and make funds available for developing countries like India so that they can expedite adoption of clean technologies for power generation and stop adding GHG into the atmosphere

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