

Rail Ministry's bid to ensure coal availability at plants

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The Railway Ministry is maintaining close coordination with the Coal Ministry and other State agencies to ensure adequate availability of dry fuel at power plants, an official source said on Thursday.

The development comes at a time when Delhi is staring

at electricity shortage due to the fast depleting coal stockpiles at power plants in the city.

Delhi Power Minister Satyendar Jain had on Wednesday said in a letter to the Centre that thermal generation stations Dadri I & II, Jhajjar and Badarpur has been facing an "acute coal shortage" for many days due to non-

availability of transportation rakes.

Countering this, the Railway sources said against the daily requirement of 11.5 rakes in the plants supplying power to Delhi, there has been an average daily receipt of 11.5 rakes in three plants — Dadri I & II, Jhajjar and Badarpur — in the current month up till yesterday.