

**Question for written answer E-004421/2019/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Coal-fired power plants in India

In the European Union, there are moves to close down extremely advanced coal-fired power plants in order to achieve the objectives of the Paris Agreement. At the same time, however, India possesses the technologically least developed coal-fired power plants, which, for that reason and also because of the lower-quality coal used ¹, generate the highest emissions of pollutants in proportional terms. In addition, the country's positive economic development will inevitably lead to increased energy demand; currently, power plants with an output of 60 gigawatts are planned ².

1. What is the Commission's view of the construction of further coal-fired power plants in India, and what can it do to prevent their construction in order to achieve the objectives of the Paris Agreement?
2. Will the Commission seize the opportunity to promote technology exports from the EU to such countries as India in order to ensure that the expansion of energy production is environmentally friendly?

¹ <https://www.ee-news.ch/de/article/40528/globale-auswirkungen-der-kohlekraft-indische-kraftwerke-fordern-weltweit-den-hochsten-gesundheitlichen-tribut>

² <https://www.erneuerbareenergien.de/archiv/1380-geplante-kohlekraftwerke-gilt-es-zu-verhindern-150-437-109796.html>