

HEAT ON POWER

GREEN RATING OF COAL-BASED THERMAL POWER PLANTS



WAY AHEAD



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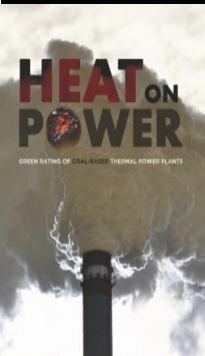
Environmental footprint

Water: 70 per cent of the total freshwater withdrawal by industrial sector

Coal: Over 70 per cent of the total coal consumed

Pollution: Of the total industrial sector:

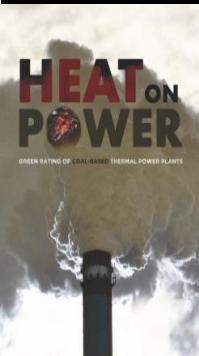
- 60 per cent of PM emissions
- 45-50 per cent of SO₂ emissions
- 30 per cent of NOx emissions
- More than 80 per cent of mercury emissions





Mismatch between regulation and environmental footprint

| | China | China (polluted regions) | India |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| PM (mg/Nm ³) | 30 | 20 | 150-350 (50 for some) |
| SO ₂ (mg/Nm ³) | 100 | 50 | None |
| NO _x (mg/Nm ³) | 100 | 100 | None |
| Hg (mg/m ³) | 0.03 | 0.03 | None |

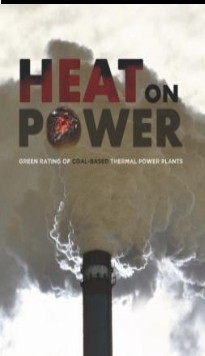




Most efficient stock least efficiently utilized

| Rank (score) | Plant | Gross Efficiency (%) | PLF (%) |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------|---------|
| 10 (36%) | Tata - Mundra | 38.1 | 74 |
| 12 (28%) | NTPC - Sipat | 36.5 | 68.3 |
| 15 (26%) | Adani - Mundra | 31.5 | 52.4 |

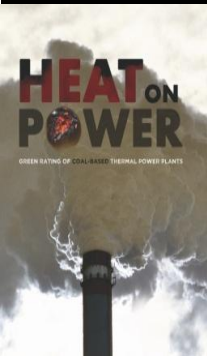
Should we be building more power plants or incentivizing existing to produce more and efficiently?





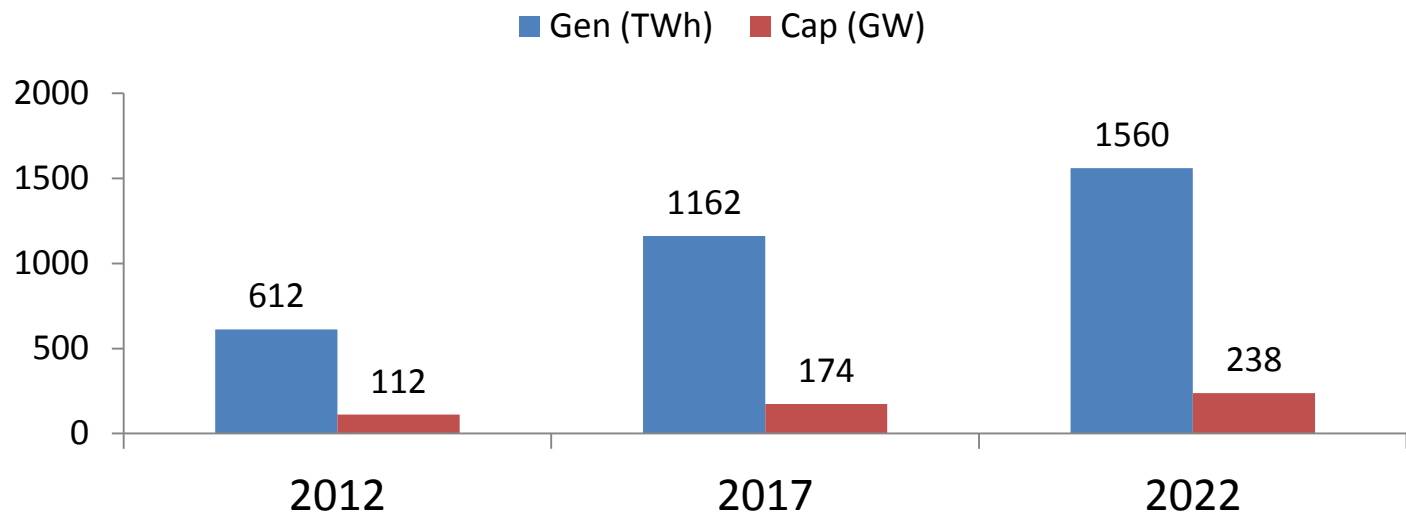
Costs and regulation

- ✓ Higher pollution standards will increase power tariff is not a tenable argument. Cost of pollution control is only about 10% of the operating and capital costs
- ✓ Our present regulatory institutions don't have the ability or the tools to enforce standards.
- ✓ Regulation is not sufficient; incentives and promotions are also required.

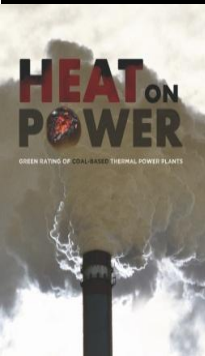




Coal power will increase

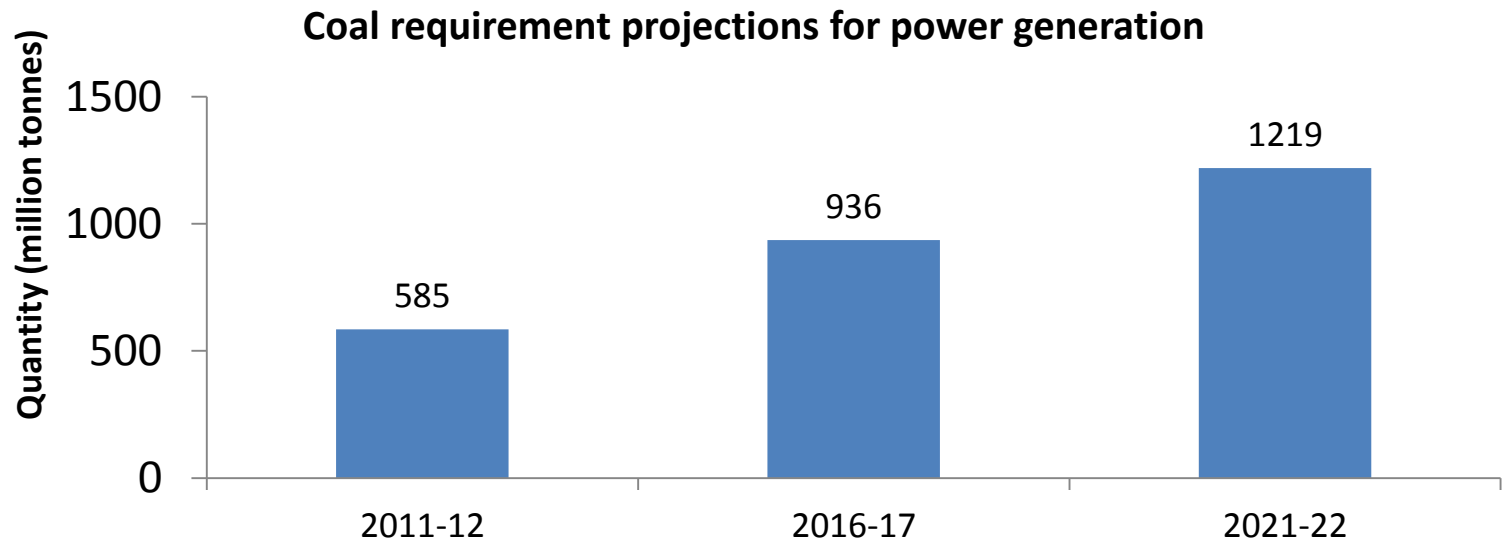


- Electricity demand to double by 2022.
- Even in 2022 per capita consumption in India to remain less than half of the global average
- Coal projected to meet most of demand increase

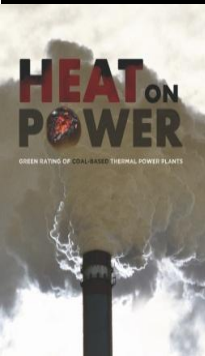




Resource needs - coal

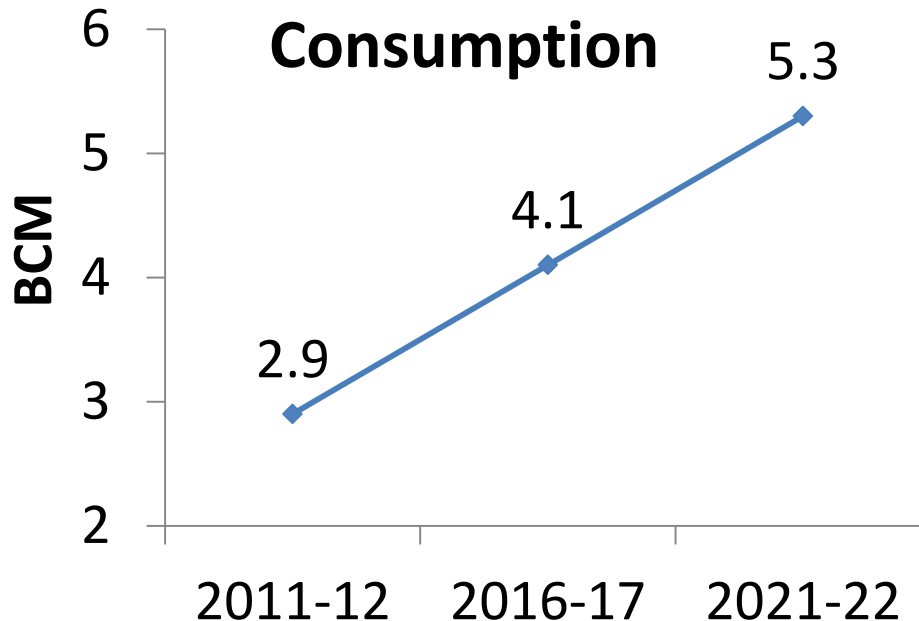


- Increase in transportation infrastructure
- 2-3 times increase in coal beneficiation capacity to use very poor quality coal

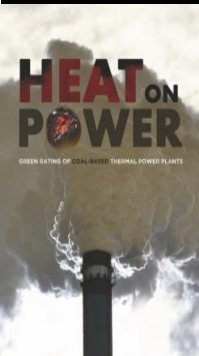




Resource needs – water & land

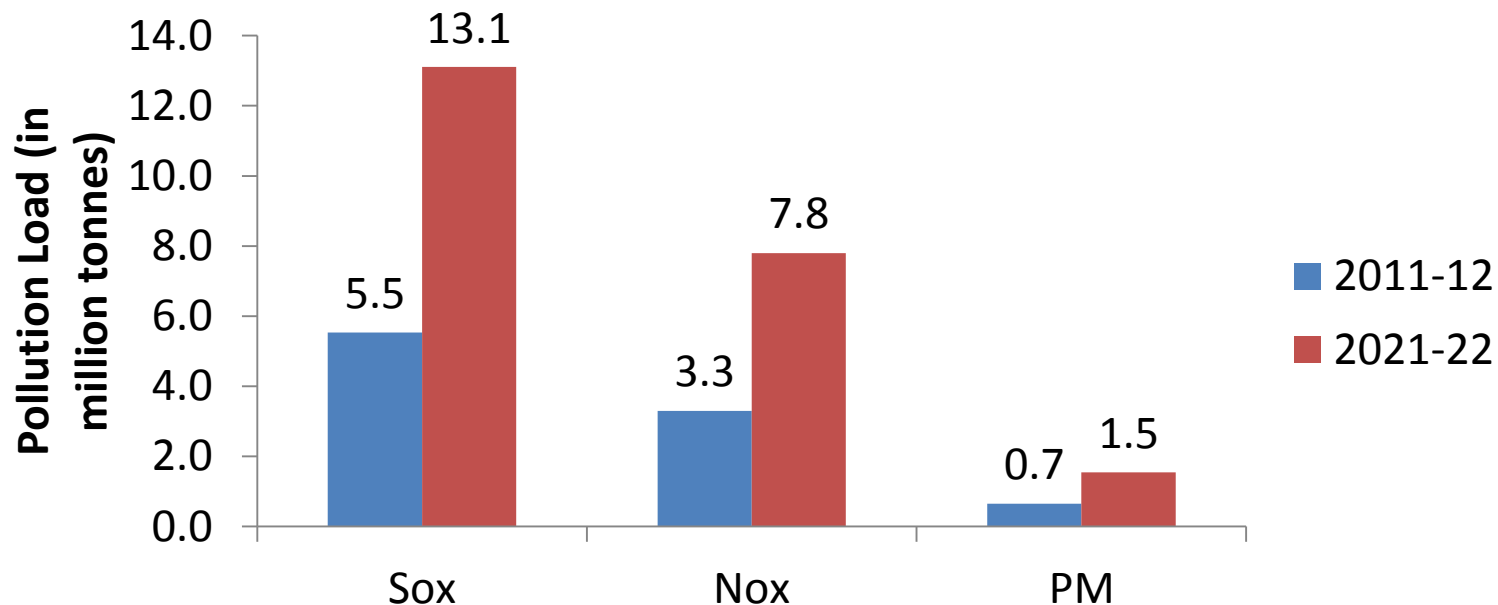


Land requirement (based on EC granted till Feb, 2015):
2.85 lakh ha (0.75 lakh ha for plants + 2.1 lakh ha for coal mines, including 46,719 ha forest land)

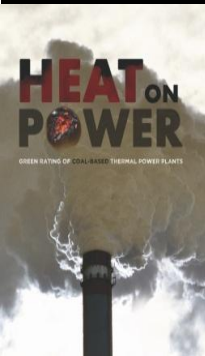




Pollution load, if unchecked



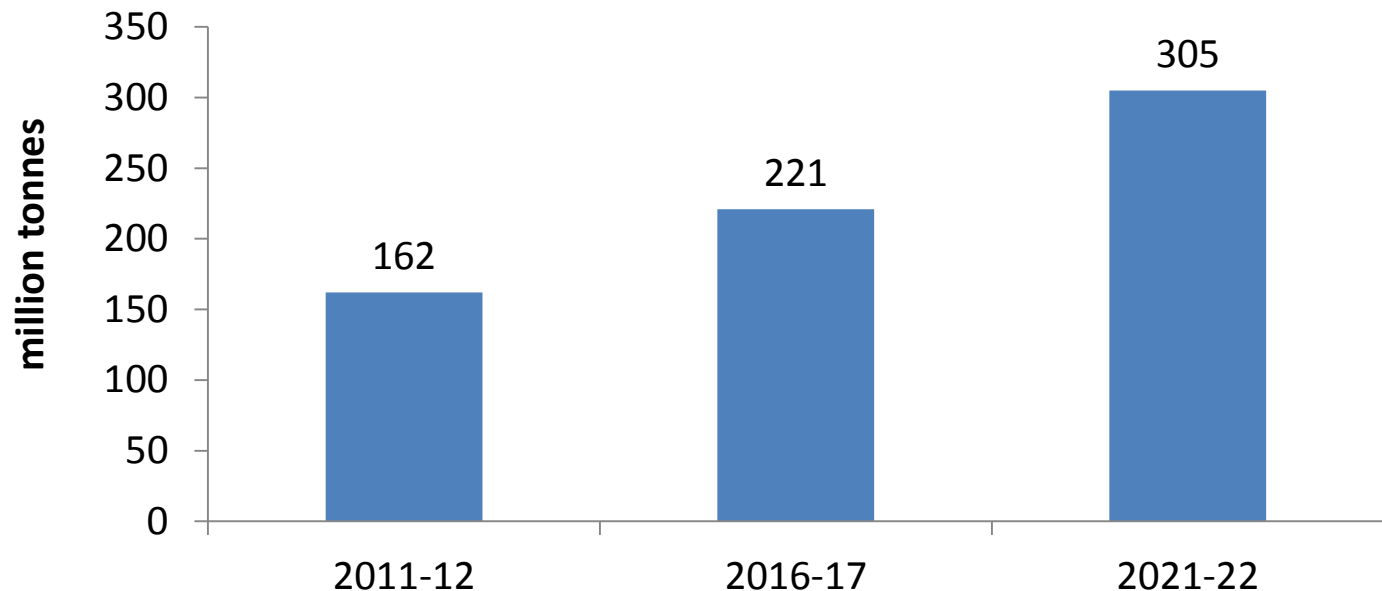
Massive increase in clusters



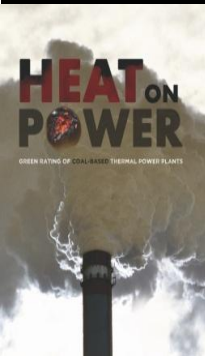


Fly ash

Ash generation projections



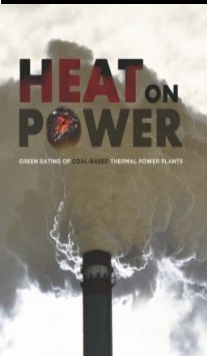
- Presently, more than a billion tonne of ash lying unused in ash ponds across the country.
- Ash generation to double by 2022





Way forward: set norms

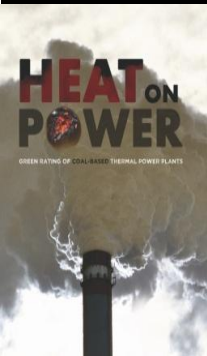
- Set strict standards for PM, SO_x, NO_x and Hg
- Norms for water use should be incorporated in clearances. Air cooling technology in water scarce regions
- Increase water tariff to promote recycling and reuse
- Massive amount of surplus land with government companies; policy to utilize surplus land





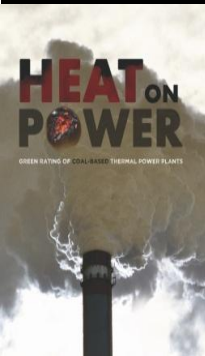
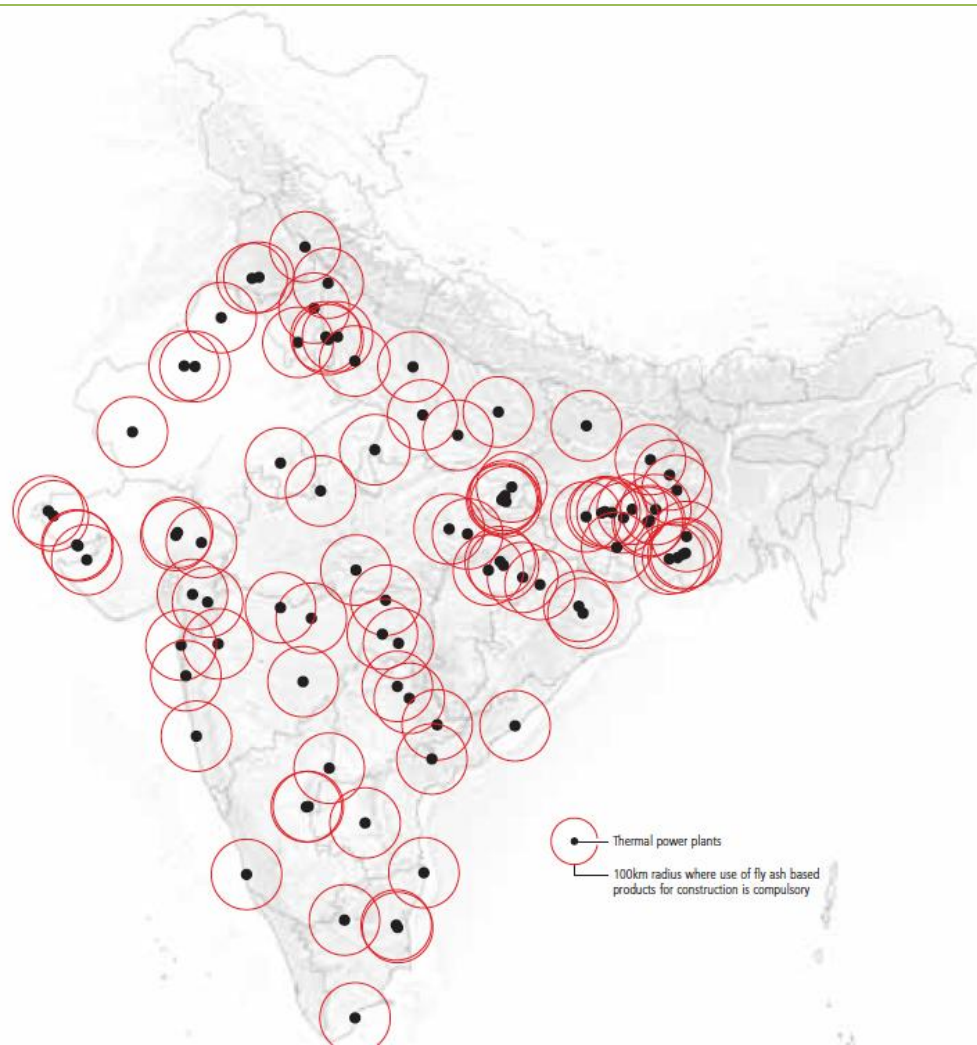
Way forward: Ash Handling

- Most plants will not meet Ash use targets due to inadequate supporting policies to increase use;
- Policies and regulations to change
 - Promotion, standards for utilisation and then strict implementation of policies on ash use in infrastructure, bricks, cement industry etc.
 - Loopholes that allow dumping, yet consider it utilization (for eg. in low lying areas) need to be addressed;
 - Standards and guidelines for use of ash for mine filling
 - Flexible regulation to take into consideration plant location





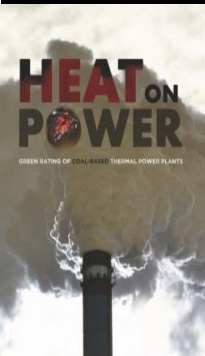
Ash Handling: promote and enforce

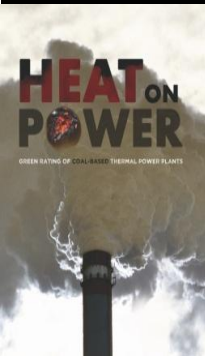
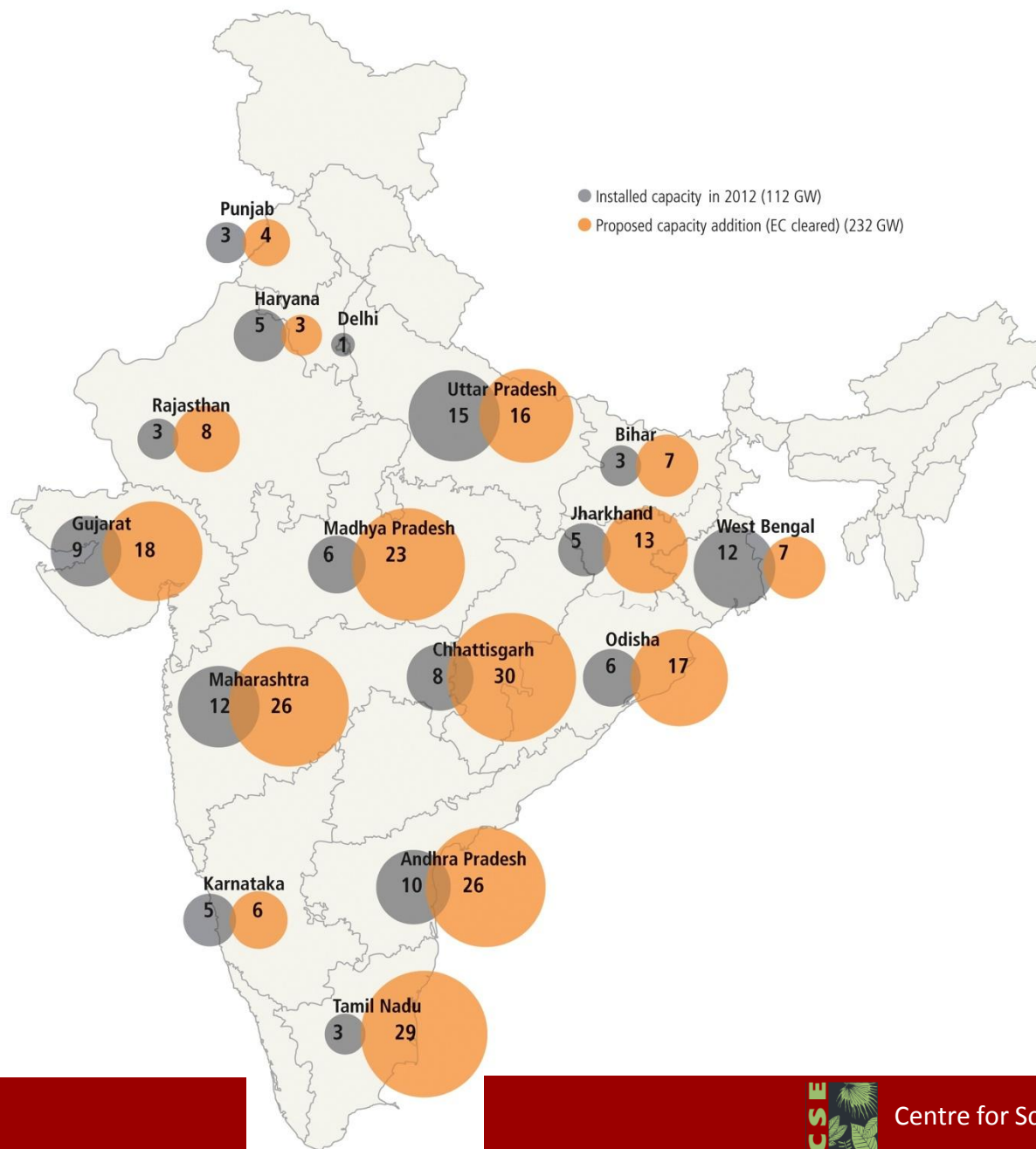




Way forward: Technology and efficiency

- Old inefficient plants that are heavily polluting should be retired or modernized at an accelerated pace; Environmental clearance process should incentivize this
- New capacities should be only supercritical/ultra super critical
- Inclusion of environmental costs/ compliance in Merit Order Dispatch; we should ensure that most efficient stock is utilised the most and polluting plants are not called first because they are cheaper.

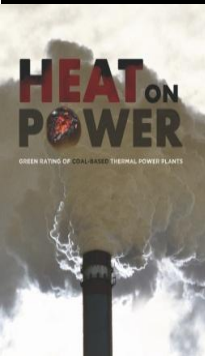






Way forward: Improved assessment and regulatory tool

- **Capacity concentration is few areas**
 - Regional carrying capacity assessment and tighter norms for critically polluted areas
- **55 GW of coastal capacity expected to come up**
 - Potential impacts on marine biodiversity need to be investigated
- **Pollution monitoring and control by regulators are weak; need capacity and tools**
 - Protocol and infrastructure for online monitoring
 - Institutional strengthening and use of multiple tool to enforce norms





Way forward

- We need to do all the above and more
- Most importantly, we need to discuss the role of coal in our future energy plans.

