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Railroad District	Date in November							
	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
Berlin	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.2
Greifswald	4.6	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.2	3.8
Schwerin	5.3	4.2	3.6	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.6	5.5
Magdeburg	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.6	2.3
Halle	2.2	2.5	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.8	3.9	3.4
Erfurt	2.5	3.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.6	4.8	4.6
Dresden	2.2	2.7	3.0	3.3	3.8	4.3	4.7	4.6
Cottbus	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.9
Total	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8

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Date in November	Coal for Locomotives		Shop Coal (in Terms of Briquette Units/BU)
	Hard Coal	Brown Coal Briquettes	
12	32,200	20,400	27,700
14	30,500	22,900	27,800
16	30,000	30,000	29,400
18	29,000	31,100	30,400
20	30,400	32,900	30,700

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22	32,700	35,400	31,300
24	35,500	38,300	31,500
26	33,800	39,300	30,800

3. [redacted] the following coal stocks were available to the GDR railroads between 18 and 29 November:

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	Date in November			
	18	20/21	25	29
Hard coal (tons)	29,035	30,413	35,473	33,744)
Briquettes (tons)	31,198	32,922	38,398	39,142)
Coal dust (tons)	843	862	407	362)
Raw brown coal (tons)	17,431	18,103	16,300	14,382)
Mud Coal (tons)		20	68	41)
Total (BU)	82,565	86,675	98,637	95,935)
Daily requirements	3.5	3.8	3.9	4.0)
Supply (BU)	24,071	50,318	24,621	26,276)
Consumption (BU)	23,881	46,964	25,290	24,280)
Daily consumption quota (BU)	21,985	21,985	21,985	21,985)

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29 November	4.0

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Date in November	Hard Coal	Brown Coal Briquettes	Raw Brown Coal	Coal Dust
22	32,743	35,452	18,289	759
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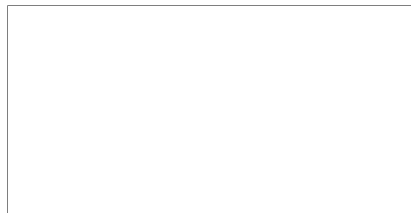
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- 2.  Comment. The hard coal proportion of total coal stocks was 53 percent on 18 November and 35 percent on 29 November. 25X1
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