

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF COAL**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 26.07.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**PRODUCTION OF COAL .**

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT COAL be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the production of coal is sufficient to meet the requirement of power sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure the same? ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): For the year 2010-11, as against the estimated coal requirement of 434 MT projected by the Central Electricity Authority for the power plants, the availability of indigenous coal, based on production by government coal companies and captive mines, has been estimated at 388 MT, leaving a shortfall of 46 MT. To bridge this gap, power utilities have been advised by Ministry of Power to import 35 MT of coal.