

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1810  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.12.2018**

**Import of coking coal**

**1810. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE:**

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country currently imports about 85 per cent of its coking coal demand;
- (b) the present demand of coking coal in the country and the extent to which it would grow by 2022;
- (c) whether National Steel Policy forecasts coking coal demand of 161 mtpa by 2030-31;
- (d) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (e) whether the country has to heavily depend on imported coking coal for its plan to produce crude steel?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a)&(b):** Against a total demand of 59.73 MT of coking coal during 2017-18, import of coking coal was 47.00 MT which is about of 78.6% of demand for coking coal. The demand estimates by NITI Aayog for coking coal is available only upto 2018-19 wherein the total demand for coking coal has been estimated at 58.37 MT.

**(c)&(d):** Yes, Sir. The National Steel Policy, 2017 projects a requirement of 161 MT of coking coal by 2030-31.

**(e):** The entire demand of coking coal is not met from domestic production as the supply of high quality coal/ coking coal (low-ash-coal) in the country is limited and thus no option is left but to resort to import of coking coal. As per the current import policy, coal is kept under Open General License (OGL) and consumers are free to import coal from the source of their choice as per their contractual prices on payment of applicable duty.

In order to increase the production of indigenous coking coal, Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) has been issued under Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 for allocation of 6 Coking Coal blocks (Total extractable reserve – 282 MT) with overall peak production capacity of 12.63 MT per annum. Further, CIL has a plan to augment supply of Coking Coal through washed coking coal.

Furthermore, CIL is also continuously searching for coking coal assets coming up for sale in the global market and identifying suitable assets for acquisition.

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