

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1150
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023

Import of coal

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coal has been imported in the country from 2014 onwards, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the quantity of coal imported during the last five years and the current year, country-wise;
- (c) the cost of imported coal as compared to indigenously produced coal; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to boost its production?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): The details of import of coal since 2014 are given below:-

(In Million Tonne)

Year	Coking Coal	Non-coking Coal	Total
2014-15	43.71	174.07	217.78
2015-16	44.56	159.39	203.95
2016-17	41.64	149.31	190.95
2017-18	47.00	161.25	208.25
2018-19	51.84	183.50	235.35
2019-20	51.83	196.70	248.54
2020-21	51.20	164.05	215.25
2021-22	57.16	151.77	208.93
2022-23 (Upto Nov., 2022)	38.25	129.75	168.00

(b): The details of import of coal from major countries during last five years and current year 2022-23 (upto November, 2023) are given below:-

(Quantity in Million Tonne)						
Major Country	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (Upto Nov-22)
Australia	46.12	48.17	46.72	54.95	66.76	31.61
Canada	3.56	4.46	4.69	2.96	2.15	2.05
China P Rp	0.23	0.05	0.21	0.03	2.62	0.12
Indonesia	95.81	112.88	116.66	92.53	72.50	83.19
Mozambique	5.91	7.09	5.48	3.57	6.57	5.62
New Zealand	0.60	0.50	0.41	0.23	0.10	0.18
Russia	4.30	4.92	8.23	6.75	8.27	13.67
South Africa	38.49	31.15	42.48	31.09	26.11	11.41
U S A	12.03	14.98	12.16	12.20	14.37	9.55
Others	1.18	11.15	11.50	10.93	9.49	10.59
Total	208.25	235.35	248.54	215.25	208.93	168.00

(c): Prices of imported coal depend on date of import, quality, and source country. Therefore, no single price of imported coal is available. However, quantity and value of total coal imported during last five years are given below:-

(Quantity in Million Tonne& Value in Million Rs. and US \$)			
Year	Quantity	Value Rs.	Value (\$)
2017-18	208.25	1384769.77	21479.51
2018-19	235.35	1709204.90	24513.22
2019-20	248.54	1527320.55	21387.28
2020-21	215.25	1160240.54	15665.39
2021-22	208.93	2287418.46	30623.81
2022-23 (Upto Nov-'22)	168.00	2852226.06	36087.92

Further, as regards domestic prices of coal, the Notified Price of Coal India Ltd is attached at Annexure-A

(d): Various measures taken by the Government to enhance the production of coal in the country include the followings:

(i) Regular reviews by Ministry of Coal to expedite the development of coal blocks.

(ii) Enactment of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2021 for enabling captive mines owners (other than atomic

minerals) to sell up to 50% of their annual mineral (including coal) production in the open market after meeting the requirement of the end use plant linked with the mine in such manner as may be prescribed by the Central Government on payment of such additional amount.

(iii) Single Window Clearance portal for the coal sector to speed up the operationalization of coal mines.

(iv) Project Monitoring Unit for handholding of coal block allottees for obtaining various approvals/clearances for early operationalization of coal mines.

(v) Commercial auction of coal blocks on revenue sharing basis. Under commercial mining scheme, rebate of 50 % on final offer would be allowed for the quantity of coal produced earlier than scheduled date of production. Also, incentives on coal gasification or liquefaction (rebate of 50 % on final offer) have been granted.

(vi) Coal India Limited is adopting Mass Production Technologies (MPT) in its Underground (UG) mines, mainly Continuous Miners (CMs), wherever feasible. Coal India Limited has also envisaged working large numbers of Highwalls (HW) mines in view of the availability of Abandoned / Discontinued mines. Coal India Limited is also planning large capacity UG mines wherever feasible.

(vii) In its Opencast (OC) mines, Coal India Limited already has State-of-the-Art technology in its high capacity Excavators, Dumpers and Surface Miners. Digitization is being tried on pilot scale in 7 of its mega mines and shall be replicated further.

(viii) SCCL is expediting the activities to ground new 8 mines (7 mines in Telangana & one in Odisha).

**ANNEXURE TO THE PRICE NOTIFICATION NO CIL/M&S/Pricing : 194 dated
27.11.2020****Table I****Pit head run of mine price (ROM) of non-coking coal applicable for all coal
producing subsidiary companies including NEC but excluding WCL**

Grade	GCV Range	Pithead Run of mine price for Non-Coking coal	
		Power Utilities (including IPPs), Fertilizer & Defence sector	Sectors other than Power Utilities (including IPPs) Fertilizer & Defence
	(kcal/kg)	(Rs./Te)	(Rs./Te)
G1	Exceeding 7000	*	*
G2	Exceeding 6700 and not exceeding 7000	3298	3298
G3	Exceeding 6400 and not exceeding 6700	3154	3154
G4	Exceeding 6100 and not exceeding 6400	3010	3010
G5	Exceeding 5800 and not exceeding 6100	2747	2747
G6	Exceeding 5500 and not exceeding 5800	2327	2534
G7	Exceeding 5200 and not exceeding 5500	1936	2321
G8	Exceeding 4900 and not exceeding 5200	1475	1767
G9	Exceeding 4600 and not exceeding 4900	1150	1378
G10	Exceeding 4300 and not exceeding 4600	1034	1238
G11	Exceeding 4000 and not exceeding 4300	965	1155
G12	Exceeding 3700 and not exceeding 4000	896	1073
G13	Exceeding 3400 and not exceeding 3700	827	990
G14	Exceeding 3100 and not exceeding 3400	758	907
G15	Exceeding 2800 and not exceeding 3100	500	718
G16	Exceeding 2500 and not exceeding 2800	514	614
G17	Exceeding 2200 and not exceeding 2500	457	546

* For GCV exceeding 7000 Kcal/Kg, the price shall be increased by Rs. 100/- per tonne over and above the price applicable for GCV band exceeding 6700 but not exceeding 7000 Kcal/Kg, for increase in GCV by every 100 Kcal/Kg or part thereof.

An additional amount of Rs. 450.00 per tonne (as per existing practice) to be charged over and above the notified price in respect of the coal produced from Rajmahal mine of Eastern Coalfields Limited.

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**Table II
Pit head run of mine (ROM) price of non-coking coal applicable for WCL**

Grade	GCV Range	Pithead Run of mine price for Non-Coking coal	
		Power Utilities (including IPPs), Fertilizer & Defence Sector	Sectors other than Power Utilities (including IPPs), Fertilizer & Defence Sector
	(Kcal/Kg)	(Rs./Te)	(Rs./Te)
G1	Exceeding 7000	*	*
G2	Exceeding 6700 and not exceeding 7000	3298	3298
G3	Exceeding 6400 and not exceeding 6700	3154	3154
G4	Exceeding 6100 and not exceeding 6400	3010	3010
G5	Exceeding 5800 and not exceeding 6100	2747	2747
G6	Exceeding 5500 and not exceeding 5800	2534	2590
G7	Exceeding 5200 and not exceeding 5500	2321	2433
G8	Exceeding 4900 and not exceeding 5200	1767	2119
G9	Exceeding 4600 and not exceeding 4900	1378	1652
G10	Exceeding 4300 and not exceeding 4600	1238	1484
G11	Exceeding 4000 and not exceeding 4300	1155	1384
G12	Exceeding 3700 and not exceeding 4000	1073	1285
G13	Exceeding 3400 and not exceeding 3700	990	1186
G14	Exceeding 3100 and not exceeding 3400	907	1086
G15	Exceeding 2800 and not exceeding 3100	718	860
G16	Exceeding 2500 and not exceeding 2800	614	735
G17	Exceeding 2200 and not exceeding 2500	546	653

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