

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2916  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023

Supply and demand of coal

2916. DR. M. THAMBIDURAI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken adequate steps to meet the demand and supply of Coal for various sectors in the country, including power, iron and steel etc.,
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total shortfall of coal and the action taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) the total quantity and value (in INR) of coal imported in the last five years, year-wise; and
- (d) the effective measures taken by Government to reduce the reliance on imported coal in the coming years?

Answer

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

(a),(b)&(d): Government has initiated several steps to ramp up domestic coal production in the country in order to achieve self-reliance to meet the demand from all sectors. Some of the major initiatives undertaken include Single Window Clearance, amendment of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 to allow captive mines to sell up to 50% of their annual production after meeting the requirement of the end use plants, production through MDO mode, increasing use of mass production technologies, new projects and expansion of existing projects, and auction of coal blocks to private companies/PSUs. 100% Foreign Direct Investment has also been allowed for commercial mining.

Domestic coal production increased by 8.67% in 2021-22 over the previous year. In the current financial year till February 2023, domestic coal production has increased over 15% compared to the same period of last year.

Most of the requirement of coal in the country is met through indigenous production/supply. The focus of the Government is on increasing the domestic production of Coal and to eliminate non-essential import of coal in the country.

An Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) has also been constituted for the purpose of coal import substitution comprising representatives from Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Steel, Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Coal India Limited, SCCL, Paradip Port Trust, Vishakhapatnam Port Trust and Kolkata Port Trust. This Committee provides a platform for discussions on a larger forum with the Administrative Ministries so as to guide them to encourage the coal consumers of their respective sector to eliminate imports of coal

(c): The details of quantity and value (in INR) of coal imported in the last five years are given below:-

Year	(Quantity in Million Tonne & Value in Million Rs.)					
	Coking Coal		Non Coking Coal		Total Coal	
	Qty	Value Rs.	Qty	Value Rs.	Qty	Value Rs.
2017-18	47.003	595226.36	161.245	789543.41	208.249	1384769.77
2018-19	51.838	720497.64	183.510	988707.26	235.348	1709204.90
2019-20	51.833	612668.32	196.704	914652.23	248.537	1527320.55
2020-21	51.198	453552.10	164.054	706688.44	215.251	1160240.54
2021-22	57.161	1029958.47	151.772	1257459.99	208.934	2287418.46
2022-23 (Dec 22)	43.208	1240261.774	142.851	1872213.394	186.059	3112475.169

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