

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
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DEPENDENCE ON COKING COAL IMPORT FOR STEEL PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made in reducing India's coking coal import dependence for steel production;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to boost domestic coking coal production and washery capacity;
- (c) the manner in which Government plans to promote hydrogen-based steel making as an alternative, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures being taken by Government to secure long-term coking coal supply agreements with partner nations, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(SHRI BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA)

(a)&(b): Steel is a de-regulated sector, and companies take sourcing decisions based on techno-commercial considerations. However, the following initiatives of Government are aimed at boosting coking coal production, increase washery capacity and reduce India's import dependence for steel production:-

- i. The Government has launched "Mission Coking Coal" in 2021 to enhance domestic coking coal production and increase coal washing capacity.
- ii. The Government has classified coking coal as a critical and strategic mineral.
- iii. Promote stamp charge batteries to increase the blending of domestic coking coal.

(c) The Government is promoting pilot projects for the use of hydrogen in the steel sector under the National Green Hydrogen Mission launched by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. The Ministry of Steel has awarded four (04) pilot projects for the use of hydrogen in the steel sector under the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

(d) To mitigate supply risks and enhance supply security, the Ministry has undertaken measures, including diversification of import sources, and has also entered into MoUs with countries for long-term coking coal supply.
