

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
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COAL PRODUCTION AND ENERGY SECURITY IN THE COUNTRY

1640 # SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that coal production in the country has reached an all-time high in recent years;
- (b) if so, the details of coal production during the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the increase in domestic coal production has helped in enhancing coal availability for thermal power plants and strengthening the country's energy security;
- (d) whether a reduction in dependence on coal imports has been recorded during the said period; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES
(SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY)

(a), (b) & (c) The coal production in the country reached all-time high during the FY 2024-25. The quantity of coal produced in the country during the last five years is given below:

[Figures in Million Tonnes (MT)]

Year	Production
2021-22	778.21
2022-23	893.19
2023-24	997.83
2024-25	1047.52
2025-26 (Provisional)	1040.08

The quantity of coal dispatched to the power sector in the country during the last five years is given below:

[Figures in Million Tonnes (MT)]

Year	Dispatch to power sector
2021-22	673.35
2022-23	735.14
2023-24	796.09
2024-25	831.79
2025-26 (Provisional)	818.61

The increase in domestic coal production has resulted in adequate coal availability for thermal power plants in the country. The coal stock at the domestic coal based thermal power plants at the end of FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 was 55.48 MT and 55.28 MT, respectively, while the combined opening coal stocks at the mines of Coal India Limited (CIL), Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and captive mines increased to 153.99 MT as on 01.04.2026 from 130.40 MT on the same day of previous year.

(d) & (e) 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. The focus of the Government is on increasing the domestic production of coal and to eliminate non-essential import of coal in the country. The coal imported by the thermal power plants in the country during last five years is as under:

Period	Imported coal for blending purposes in domestic coal based thermal power plants (MT)	Imported coal for use in Imported Coal based thermal power plants (MT)	Total Coal imported by thermal power plants (MT)
2021-22	8.1	18.9	27.0
2022-23	35.1	20.5	55.6
2023-24	23.9	41.8	65.7
2024-25	14.0	48.5	62.5
2025-26	6.8	38.6	45.4
