

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 855
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017**

Coal Production

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of total coal produced during the last three years;
- (b) the quantum of coking coal produced in the country through public coal companies during the last three years;
- (c) the amount of coking coal imported since 2012, year-wise;
- (d) the reasons for heavy importation and the steps taken to increase the domestic production of coking coal; and
- (e) the reasons for Coal India Ltd. and other State-owned companies have not been successful in acquiring a stake in foreign coking coal mines?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND RAILWAYS
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(a): All India coal production during the last three years i.e. 2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17 was 609.18 MT, 639.23 MT and 659.27 MT respectively.

(b): As per the provisional Coal Statistics published by Coal Controller Organization, indigenous coking coal production through public companies in the country during the last three years i.e. 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 was 51.01MT, 54.66 MT and 55.35 MT respectively.

(c): Import of coking coal during the year 2012-13 to 2016-17 and current year 2017-18 upto September, 2017 is as under.

(Quantity in Million Tonnes)	
Year	Coking
2012-13	35.56
2013-14	36.87
2014-15	43.71
2015-16	43.56
2016-17	41.64
2017-18 (Prov.) Upto September 2017	22.61

(d): The entire demand of coking coal is not met indigenously as the supply of high quality coal/ coking coal (low-ash-coal) in the country is limited. 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. Further, Government has allocated captive blocks to various companies which would also add to domestic availability. Similarly, six more coking coal blocks are going to be put on offer. These blocks would also help augmenting coking coal production in line with growing demand.

(e): Indian consumers import coking coal mainly from Australia. CIL Board in its 333rd meeting held on 21.09.16, advised to explore the possibilities of acquiring coal assets abroad. However, since then, very few prospective coking coal assets in foreign countries have come up for sale. CIL is pursuing available opportunities for buying equity stakes in coking coal mines abroad.

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