

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3633
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019**

Coal Production and import

3633. KUNWAR BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of quantum of coal, imported from different countries of the world country-wise; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to boost domestic production and to cut down import of coal?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL
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(a): The details of country wise import of coal during the year 2017-18 and current year 2018-19 upto October, 2018 is given below:-

Import of Coal (Qty. in MT)		
Country	2017-18	2018-19@
	Quantity	Quantity
Indonesia	95.814	59.773
Australia	46.145	28.855
South Africa	38.493	19.394
U.S.A	12.032	10.008
New Zealand	0.602	0.252
Canada	3.562	2.342
Mozambique	5.914	4.046
Russia	4.297	2.477
Others	1.414	5.981
Total	208.273	133.128
Source: CCO Reports. @ Upto October, 2018		

The imported coal quantity of 2017-18 at 208.27 MT is less than the imported quantity of 2014-15 which stood at 217.79 MT even as power generation and industrial activities grew substantially after 2014-15.

(b): There has been a consistent effort to increase domestic coal production so as to reduce dependence on coal imports. The all India raw coal

production has increased from 565.77 MT in 2013-14 to 676.48 MT in 2017-18. Absolute increase in all India coal production from 2013-14 to 2017-18 (four years) is 110.71 MT as compared to increase of coal production of 33.73 MT from 2009-10 to 2013-14 (four years).

Coal India Limited (CIL) has also increased its production from 462.41 MT in 2013-14 to 567.36 MT in 2017-18 (four years), an absolute increase of 105 MT as compared to increase of coal production of 31.15 MT between 2009-10 and 2013-14 (four years).

Further, in the current year during April-November, 2018, all India coal production was 433.90 MT with a growth rate of 9.8% and coal production of CIL was 358.32 MT with a growth rate of 8.8% over the corresponding period of previous year.

The focus of the Government is on increasing domestic production of coal which includes efforts to expedite Environment & Forest clearances expeditiously, pursuing with State Government for assistance in land acquisition and coordinated efforts with Railways for movement of coal.

However, coking coal will continue to be imported as there is limited availability of coking coal in the country. Further, power plants designed on imported coal will also continue to import coal.
