

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1213
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022

Coal Import

1213. SHRI S.VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of coal imported during the last five years;
- (b) the details of the names of the companies who have been awarded tenders for import of coal after Jan., 2022 including the quantum of coal imported after Jan., 2022; and
- (c) the details of the quantum of imported coal used after Jan., 2022, company-wise along with the quantum of imported coal left unused after Jan., 2022?

Answer

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

(a): The quantum of coal imported during last five years are given below:

Year	Quantity (in Million Tonnes)
2017-18	208.25
2018-19	235.35
2019-20	248.54
2020-21	215.25
2021-22	208.93

(b)&(c): 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 requirement and commercial consideration. Government of India does not interfere in this matter. Coal is imported by various industries such as Power sector, Steel Industry, Cement Industry, Paper & Pulp industry, Aluminium Industry etc. Power sector imports coal for imported coal-based (ICB) power plants which are so designed and also for domestic coal-based power plants for blending purpose. While import of coal is being done by individual utilities/respective State/Central Governments, it was also decided on 27.05.2022 that Coal India Limited (CIL) would import coal for blending purpose on behalf of Thermal Power Plants (TPP) of State GENCOs and Independent Power Plants (IPP). Accordingly, CIL awarded this work to M/s. GHV-BDE-DIL(JV) which imported about 3.58 lakh tonne of coal on behalf TPPs of State GENCOs and IPPs after January, 2022.

Total quantum of coal imported from January, 2022 to September, 2022, is 179.95 million tonnes. The details of the coal imported from January, 2022 to September, 2022 are given below: -

Sl. No.	Months (From January to September, 2022)	Import of Coal (Million Tonne)
1.	January	12.44
2.	February	13.26
3.	March	22.35
4.	April	19.28
5.	May	20.65
6.	June	27.24
7.	July	23.11
8.	August	21.75
9.	September	19.87
Total		179.95

The Ministry does not maintain stock positions of imported coal of different sectors. However, as informed by CEA, the stock of imported coal available at the power plants as on 31.01.2022 was 1.1 MT and as on 31.10.2022 was 6.3 MT.
