

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2183  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025**

**Import of Coal**

**2183. SHRI SASIKANTH SENTHIL:**

Will the Minister of **Coal** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of coal imported during the current year and the reasons for the 7.7 percent increase in import compared to the previous year;
- (b) the projected demand for coking coal in the year 2025 and its correlation with the anticipated growth in steel production capacity;
- (c) the steps being taken to reduce dependence on imported coking coal and enhance domestic production to meet future demand; and
- (d) the initiatives taken to support the steel industry's growing requirement for coal while promoting sustainable practices?

**Answer**

**MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a):** The total import of coal during the current year i.e. April 24 – December 24 was 183.42 Million Tonnes (MT) against 200.19 MT during the corresponding period of last financial year showing negative growth of 8.4%.

**(b):** An Inter - Ministerial Committee (IMC) has been constituted in the Ministry of Coal on 07/03/2024 for the purpose of coal demand assessment in the country. The projected demand of coking coal for steel sector was kept as 111.00 MT for the Financial Year 2024-25. The anticipated growth in steel production during the current year is given below: -

Item	April-February 2024-25 (Prov.) (in Million Tonnes)	April-February 2023-24 (in Million Tonnes)	% Change (Prov.)
Crude Steel Production	137.958	131.407	5.0
Pig Iron Production	7.661	6.727	13.9
Hot Metal Production	83.174	79.371	4.8

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Item	April-February 2024-25 (Prov.) (in Million Tonnes)	April-February 2023-24 (in Million Tonnes)	% Change (Prov.)
Production	132.572	126.567	4.7
Import	8.976	7.749	15.8
Export	4.404	6.645	-33.7
Consumption	137.848	123.805	11.5

**(c):** The Ministry of Coal has launched "Mission Coking Coal" to enhance domestic coking coal production and reduce import of coking coal, with an objective to prepare roadmap to augment domestic coking coal production. The Government has formulated the following strategies under Mission Coking Coal to reduce import of coking coal in country-

- **Increase in domestic coking coal blending for steel making from present 10% to 30%.**
- **Enhancement of coking coal production to 140 MT by FY2030.**
- **Revenue Sharing Model:** CIL has offered eleven discontinued coking coal mines on an innovative model of revenue sharing to the private sector.
- **Auction of Coking Coal Blocks:** Ministry of Coal has auctioned 16 coking coal blocks during the last four years.
- **Enhance coking coal washing capacity by FY2030:** Coal India Limited has commissioned 3 washeries based on new technology in last 7 years and planned to set up 8 washeries by FY2030.
- To enhance utilisation of indigenous coking coal, some steel companies are considering installation of stamp charged coke oven batteries.

**ii. Supply of coal to Steel Sector through NRS Linkage Auction route:** The tenure of coking coal linkages in the NRS linkage auction has been revised for a period up to 30 years.

**iii. A new sub-sector 'Steel using Coking coal through WDO route'** has been created in March, 2024 under the NRS linkage auctions for increasing the availability of washed coking coal in the country.

**(d):** Government has taken initiatives to support the steel industry's growing requirement for coal through promoting sustainable practices like adopting advanced clean coal technologies for the beneficiation of coking coal.

In respect of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) all the newly commissioned and planned washeries of CIL are/ shall be equipped with state-of-the-art beneficiation technologies like Heavy Media Cyclone, Teeter bed Separator, Spiral Concentrator, Froth Floatation technology etc. to increase the efficiency of washing with an objective to optimize indigenous supply of washed coking coal to steel sector.

All the new washeries are/shall be closed circuit washeries, designed to produce Zero Effluent Discharge to the surroundings.

Additionally, the modernization and renovation of existing aging washeries of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) and Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) are underway to enhance operational efficiency and reduce environmental impact.

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