

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1964  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2015

Ash Content of Coal

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Will the **MINISTER OF COAL** be pleased to state:

- (a) the ash content of coal produced in the country vis-à-vis imported from abroad;
- (b) whether an expert panel has recommended for doubling the ash content of imported coal for use in thermal power plants; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL,  
POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY ( SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL )**

- (a) : The average ash content of Indian Coal is higher at >40% compared to average ash in imported coal of < 20%.
- (b) & (c): No such recommendation for doubling the ash content of imported coal for use in thermal power plants is known to Ministry of Coal. However as per the report of the Group constituted by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for studying range of blending imported coal with domestic coal, it has been recommended that imported coal could be blended with indigenous coal to an extent of 10-15% (by weight), in case of existing plants and new plants to be designed for blending upto 30% of imported coal by weight.

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