

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA**

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EXPLOITATION OF HIGH QUALITY COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Coal India Ltd. has been able to locate high quality coal in the country to substitute the coal imports;
- (b) if so, the details of new finds in the country;
- (c) the extent to which imports are likely to be reduced due to such funds of high quality coal;
- (d) whether Coal India Limited has been able to complete an exploitation plan for such high quality coal; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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(a) & (b): Coal reserve in the country is assessed by Geological Survey of India(GSI). The reserve of high quality coal, as assessed by GSI, has increased marginally during the period 1-1-1998 to 1-1-2002. The details of geological reserves are as under:-

(Figs. in billion tonne)

Type of coal	Geological Reserve As on 1-1-1998	Geological Reserve As on 1-1-2002	Increase
Prime coking	5.31	5.31	
Medium coking	23.21	24.91	1.70
Semi coking	1.61	1.61	
Sub-Total (Coking)	30.13	31.83	1.70
Non-coking A	2.09	2.32	0.23
Non-coking B	6.98	8.07	1.09
Non-coking C	16.53	19.14	2.61
Non-coking D	23.11	29.39	6.28
Sub-Total (Non-coking)	48.71	58.92	10.21

(c): Reserves of prime coking coal and semi coking coal have not increased and are depleting gradually. Mostly prime coking coal and high quality non-coking coal are being imported now. Consumers are mostly importing coking coal with low ash content, the reserves of which are not available in the country. Non-coking coal of superior quality are being imported on consideration of landed cost of coal including commercial terms particularly by consumers located in coastal areas. Coal is also under Open General Licence(OGL).

(d) & (e): Production plan of Coal India Limited in respect of superior grade coal for X plan is as under:-

(Million Tonnes)

	2002-03	2006-07
Coking	14.31	15.73
(metallurgical/link ed consumers)		
Coking (others)	5.98	6.78
Non-coking	105.60	118.22

(A, B, C&D)

Non-coking (others)	160.11	209.27
Total (CIL)	286.00	350.00