

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

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STUDY ON COAL INTAKE
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have made any study on the coal intake trends of the coal-based power plants for the next few year;
- (b) if so, the findings thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Government have revised the expected coal demand from 303 million tonnes to a reduced figure of 285 million tonnes by the year 2002-2003;
- (d) if so, the reasons for this lower anticipated demand for coal; and
- (e) the extent to which the reduced demand for coal is related to its low intake by the coal-based power plants?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL & MINES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) The Government in Department of Coal have not made any study on the coal intake trend by the coal based power plants.
- (b) Does not arise in view of reply above;
- (c) In the Annual Plan exercise for 2003-04, as against the coal demand estimated by Planning Commission for 2002-03 at 363.30 million tonnes, Department of Coal has anticipated the revised coal offtake in 2002-03 to be 358.70 million tonnes. However, as against the share of indigenous sources of supply of 336.10 million tonnes for 2002-03, the anticipated coal offtake from indigenous sources for the said period has been estimated to be 337.70 million tonnes.
- (d) The lower anticipated demand for coal during 2002-03 is mainly due to less offtake of coal by steel/cokerries/coke oven sector.
- (e) Not applicable.