

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3859
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2004
IMPORT OF COKING COAL FOR SAIL
Dubey Shri Chandra Shekhar;Shandil Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently signed any contract for purchase of coal mines outside the country so as to ensure uninterrupted supply of coking coal used in furnaces of the plants of Steel Authority of India Limited functioning in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand States;
- (b) if so, the details of the terms and conditions including the name of the countries with which contracts have been signed; and
- (c) the quantum of coal to be extracted from these foreign mines alongwith the cost thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): In order to ensure sustained supplies of coking coal, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is currently exploring the possibilities of forging strategic alliances with overseas coal mining companies. Several proposals are currently under examination for their suitability. However, no contracts have been signed as yet.