

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:370
ANSWERED ON:20.08.2004
DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF COAL
Deo Shri Bikram Keshari

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

- (a) the demand of coal in the power, cement and steel sectors;
- (b) whether the demand of local coal has been decreasing;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether huge quantities of coal were imported for power, steel and cement sectors during the last three years; and
- (e) if so, the countries from which the coal was imported and the reasons for preferring imported coal than the indigenous one?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) to (e) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 370 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.8.2004.

(a) The projected demand of coal in Power, Cement and Steel Sector for the year 2004-05 are as under:

(in million tonnes)

S.No. Sector Quantity

1	Power (utilities)	279.52
	Power (Captive)	24.90
2	Cement	19.00
3	Steel	33.98

(b)&(c): No, Sir. On the contrary the demand has been consistently increasing.

(d): The various sectors are importing coal in limited quantity as per their specific requirements.

The sector-wise import of coal during the last three years are as under:

(in million tonnes)

Year Power Steel Cement Others Total

2001-02	3.500	11.107	3.000	2.941	20.548
2002-03	3.170	12.942	3.660	3.488	23.260
2003-04 #	1.420	12.000	2.500	5.580	21.500

= Provisional

(e): The coal is mainly being imported from Australia, Indonesia, South Africa and China. The consumers import coal to supplement the limited indigenous availability of low ash superior grade coking and non-coking coal for use by blending with indigenous coal and also on environmental considerations and considerations of location specific landed cost.