

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF COAL  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) the projected shortage of coal to meet the demand of energy sector during the next five years;
- (b) the quantity of coal targeted to be produced from indigenous coal mines and the quantity required to be imported to meet the shortfall;
- (c) the name of the countries which have approached for supply of coal to meet the shortfall; and
- (d) the other alternatives being explored by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) As per Mid-Term Appraisal undertaken by the Planning Commission the overall shortage of coal by the year 2011-12 may be of the order of 81.03 Mts. While the overall gap between demand and supply at the end of 2016-17 as projected by Working Group on Coal and Lignite for the formulation of the 11th Five Year Plan may be 86.50 Mts.

(b) As per Annual Plan 2009-10 of Ministry of Coal, Mid- term Appraisal by Planning Commission & Working Group Report, the total coal availability from CIL sources and projected import for the year 2009-10,2011-12 & 2016-17 are given below:-

Item/Year	2009-10	2011-12	2016-17
	(As per Annual Plan 2009-10)	(As per MTA) Working Group)	( As per Working Group)
Total coal availability from CIL Sources	435.00	486.50	647.50
Total import (Coking + Non-Coking)	70.00	81.03	86.50

(c & d): the following steps have been initiated by the Government to augment the supply of coal:-

- (1) CIL intends to acquire coal resources and develop coal projects in the first phase in Mozambique, Australia, Indonesia, South Africa and USA. The coal produced from these properties shall be imported to India to meet the coal demand.
- (2) MoC has also allotted 208 coal blocks to private / Public entrepreneurs for development and operation of mining for production of coal.