

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Steel industry is facing the problem of shortage of coking coal affecting the capacity utilization of steel plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the estimated demand for coking coal of steel plants, both in the public and private sectors in the country for the year 2010-11;
- (c) the present availability of coking coal by way of indigenous production and imports; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to meet the shortage of coking coal in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP)

(a) The availability of indigenous coking coal for steel plants in the country is lower than their total requirement of coking coal. Therefore, to fulfill their requirement of coking coal, steel plants in the country import coking coal. However, as per information given by major steel plants, the capacity utilization of steel plants has not been affected due to shortage of coking coal.

(b) As per projections made by respective companies, the estimated demand for coking coal by the major steel producers during the year 2010-11 in the country is as follows:-

S.No.	Name of the company	Coking coal requirement in million tonnes for the year 2010-11
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1.	Steel Authority of India Limited	14.85
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2.	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited	4.6
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3.	Tata Steel Limited	5.623
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4.	JSW Steels Limited	4.75
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5.	Essar Steel Limited	1.00
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6.	Jindal Steel & Power Limited	3.962
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7.	Ispat Industries Limited	1.00
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# Metcoke - Ispat Industries Limited do not use coking coal and import met coke.

(c) During 2008-09, domestic steel industry consumed about 40.84 million tonnes of coking coal, out of which 16.84 million tonnes was indigenous coking coal and 24.00 million tonnes was imported. (Source:- Ministry of Coal).

(d) In order to meet the demand of coking coal in the country, 11 coking coal blocks having Geological Reserves of about 1466 million tonnes have been allotted to different steel companies for captive mining. The Government is also encouraging the formation of joint ventures between steel companies to acquire coking coal blocks abroad. A Joint Venture Company namely International Coal Ventures Limited (ICVL) with participation of Coal India Limited, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) and NMDC Limited has been formed for acquisition of coal assets abroad. SAIL has also formed a joint venture company with Tata Steel for acquisition and development of coal blocks in the country.