

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:948
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DEMAND OF COAL
Das Gupta Shri Gurudas

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coal industry is not able to meet the demand of coking and thermal coal of steel and power sector manufacturing plants in the country ;
- (b) if so, the projected demand for coal by these two sectors for the year 2010-2011;
- (c) whether his Ministry has demanded from the Ministry of Finance to reduce the import duty on thermal coal and persist with zero duty on coking coal to enhance the availability of affordable coal to power and steel sectors; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

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) Yes, there is a gap between demand and indigenous availability both the coking and thermal coal used by Steel and Power Sector consumers.
- (b) As per the assessment of Ministry of Coal as a part of the exercise to formulate Annual Plan Document for 2010-11, the likely demand of coal for steel sector (coking coal) and Power Sector (thermal coal) are 17.92 Mt and 442.00 Mt. respectively.
- (c) No, Sir. Ministry of Coal has not made any proposal to reduce import duty on either thermal coal or coking coal.
- (d) In view of the reply to part (C) above the question does not arise.