

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COAL IMPORTS

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coal is being imported to meet the shortage faced by the Thermal Power Plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the quantity of coal imported during the last three years and the current year and the amount spent thereon, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has drawn up action plan to make the country self-sufficient in meeting coal requirement of Thermal Power Plants in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the same is likely to be achieved?

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) & (b) : Yes. In the Annual Plan of Ministry of Coal/Planning Commission for the year 2009-10, against the assessed demand of 397.54 Mt for the power sector, the coal supply plan from indigenous sources has been projected at 363.96 Mt. The gap of 33.58 Mt. was envisaged to be met through imports.

Coal is imported by Power Utilities under Open General License. The quantity and value of coal imports (coking as well as non-coking) in India for last three years is given below :

(Quantity in MT & Value in Million Rs.)

Year	Coking Coal		Non-coking Coal		Total Coal	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
2006-07	17.877	101806	25.204	65080	43.081	166886
2007-08	22.029	121025	27.765	86358	49.794	207384
2008-09	21.080	226140	37.923	187268	59.003	413408

(c) (d) & (e) : As per the present production projections, the gap between the demand established through Letter of Assurances/Long Term linkage for thermal power plants and indigenous availability of coal from CIL is likely to exist at least till the end of the XII Plan.