GOVERNMENT OF INDIA STEEL LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4909 ANSWERED ON:09.12.2010 IMPORT OF COAL FOR STEEL PLANTS Bhoi Shri Sanjay

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India relies on imports of better grades of coal for meeting the needs of steel making; and

(b) if so, the details of coal imported for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam. Steel plants in the country are importing coking coal to fulfill their requirement of coking coal.

(b) The details of coking coal imported during the last three years are given below:

(Quantity in million tonnes)

Year Quantity of coking coal imported

2007-08 22.03

2008-09 21.08

2009-10 23.47

(Source: Web-site of Ministry of Coal, Government of India)