

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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THERMAL POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to run some thermal power plants in the country with imported coal;
- (b) if so, the details of thermal power plants identified for operating with imported coal as on date, State-wise; and
- (c) the quantum of coal being imported or proposed to be imported for these plants?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) to (c) : In addition to Trombay Thermal Power Station which have been conceived to operate on imported coal, some of the thermal power plants in the country are being operated by blending imported coal with indigenous coal, subject to technical limitations of the boiler design, in order to bridge the gap between demand and indigenous coal availability. Government has advised to power utilities to import coal to the tune of 28.7 million tonne during the year 2009-10. State-wise/utility-wise details of thermal power plants identified for import of coal during 2009-10 and their respective target for import are given at Annex.