

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1582
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DEMAND OF LIGNITE
Swamygowda Shri N Cheluvaraya Swamy

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the demand of lignite in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the quantum of lignite exported into the country during the above period, year-wise and mine-wise;
- (c) the quantum of lignite imported from the country during the above period, year-wise;
- (d) whether the production of lignite is just 50 million tonnes and the projected demand is nearly 56 million tones; and
- (e) if so, the manner in which the Government proposes to bridge the gap?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL(SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

- (a) : As per the report of the working group on coal and lignite constituted by Planning Commission for formulation of the XIth plan, the demand of lignite in the country for existing and planned thermal power stations and for other end uses, for the last three years is given in the annexure.
- (b): No lignite is exported to any country.
- (c): No lignite is imported from any country.
- (d) & (e) : Yes, Sir. Government is taking action for expediting the implementation of new lignite mining projects to bridge the gap.