

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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ACTION PLAN FOR LOW EMISSION COAL  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement any Action Plan for High-efficiency and low emission coal by industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering setting up nation-wide carbon emission limits for industries using coal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b) The Government emphasizes low emission clean coal measures particularly in form of coal washing for supplying washed coal for power generation. The Government implements an action plan to enhance the existing capacity of washeries for washing non-coking coal from current level of about 96 million tones per annum to about 175 million tones. This capacity includes both public and private sector washeries consisting of 96 million tonnes per annum from Coal India Ltd (CIL) and 79 million tonne per annum in the private sector.

While according environmental clearance for coal-based thermal power plants, the Government insists upon supply of washed / beneficiated coal i.e. high efficiency and low emission coal to thermal power stations situated at a distance of 1000 Kms. from the coal mine and located in urban and sensitive areas.

(c) & (d) There is no proposal to set up nation-wide carbon emission limits for industries using coal.