

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF COAL TO POWER PLANTS

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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of coal demanded and supplied by Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries to various State Governments for the power plants during the last three years, year-wise, quantity-wise, State-wise and grade-wise;

(b) whether the CIL and its subsidiaries have also supplied coal through e-auction to various States; and

(c) if so, details of quantity of coal supplied through e-auction during the last three years, State-wise, quantity-wise and year-wise alongwith the criteria of e-auction ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) : During the process of formulation of Annual Plan, Ministry of Coal/ Planning Commission assess the overall demand of the country, coal consuming sector-wise. Such demand is not assessed State-wise and Grade-wise. However, the State-wise details of despatches of coal and coal products to Power Utilities, for the last three years, were annexed.

(b) & (c):The e-auction provides opportunities to all consumers to buy coal at a price determined by themselves. Under Spot e-auction, any buyer can participate and bid for buying coal. However, Forward e-auction is only for actual consumers, with the provision for sourcing coal for a longer period say one year. E-auction coal is supplied consumer-wise and not State-wise. As reported by Coal India Limited, the quantity of coal supplied to the bidders located in different States during the last three years is given annexure.