

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3350  
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QUALITY OF COAL  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the coal available in coal mines is of low grade as per international standards because of availability of more quantity of ash in it;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes any scheme for refining of coal with international collaboration for obtaining coking and thermal coal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of future action plan for development of clean coal and environment friendly coal mines?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) & (b) : Coal available in our country is of high ash content in general compared to coal available in other countries. About 57.5% of available thermal coal resources are of inferior quality with ash content of more than 35%.

(c) to (e) : Coal India Ltd. (CIL) is presently operating 17 washeries with the throughput capacity of 39.40 million tonnes per annum (mtpa). Besides, CIL envisages setting up 20 new washeries for an ultimate capacity of 111 mtpa of raw coal throughput and decided to develop all new opencast mines of 2.5 mtpa and above capacity with an integrated coal washery.