

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5776  
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ACQUISITION OF COAL MINES BY NTPC  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether in order to meet the requirement of coal for its plants the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited is importing coal and acquiring of coal mines in foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the number of countries where the NTPC has acquired coal mines for uninterrupted supply of coal for its plants; and
- (c) the number of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with countries where coal fields are likely to be acquired by the NTPC?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL )

- (a) : During 2011-12, NTPC imported about 12 Million Tons (MT) of coal to mitigate shortages of domestic coal. However, NTPC has not acquired any coal mine in foreign countries.
- (b) : In view of (a) above, does not arise.
- (c) : NTPC has not signed any MoU for acquisition of coal mine in foreign country.