

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5383

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IMPORT OF COAL

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the companies who are engaged in importing coal for supplying to Thermal Power Plants in the country ;
- (b) the details of the companies and the countries from which coal is being imported by them;
- (c) the details of States which have resorted to direct purchase of coal from foreign countries to tide over the coal storage situation;
- (d) whether the Government has set up any deadline for signing Fuel Supply Agreement and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of lignite reserves in various parts of the country; location and State-wise ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Import of coal is under Open General License (OGL) and the consumers, including the Thermal Power Plants in the country are importing coal through various agencies. The Ministry of Coal does not collect information about the names of the companies and States which are importing coal for the Thermal Power Plants and the countries from which such imports are made.

(d) The Government had decided that Coal India Limited (CIL) will sign Fuel Supply Agreements (FSAs) with the power plants identified by Central Electricity Authority/Ministry of Power that have entered into long term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with Distribution Companies (DISCOMS) and have been commissioned/would get commissioned between 1.4.2009 and 31st March, 2015. It was also decided, inter-alia, that the FSAs with such power plants which have been commissioned till 31.12.2011 would be concluded by 31.3.2012.

(e): The location-wise details of lignite resources are not available. the details of State-wise lignite resources, as on 1.4.2011, was as under:

(Figures in Million Tonnes)

Name of the State	Proved Lignite resource	Indicated lignite resource	Inferred lignite resource	Total lignite resource
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Tamil Nadu	3735.23	22900.05	6257.64	32892.92
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Rajasthan	1166.96	2148.72	1519.61	4835.29
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Gujarat	1243.65	318.70	1159.70	2722.05
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Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	20.25	7.30	27.55
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Kerala	0.00	0.00	9.65	9.65
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West Bengal	0.00	0.93	0.86	1.79
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Puducherry	0.00	405.61	11.00	416.61
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Grand Total	6145.84	25794.26	8965.76	40905.86
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