

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF COAL PRODUCTION

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

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the production of coal during the current year:

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof:

(c) the details of production, demand and sale of coal during the last three years and the current year so far, quantity-wise, year-wise and value-wise;

(d) whether the import of coal is increasing in the country;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the details of the coal imported and exported during the last three years and the current year, country-wise, quantity-wise, year-wise and grade-wise including the price of imported and exported coal;

(f) whether the Government proposes to put ban on export of coal in view of shortage in the country;

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(h) the steps taken /proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the production of coal, reduce the import and make the country self-reliant in coal production?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Review of various performance parameters of coal companies including production of coal is a continuing process. During the current year apart from the review at Secretary (Coal) level, Minister of Coal reviewed the performance on 4.4.2012, 13.6.2012 & 13.7.2012. Appropriate decisions to improve the situation were taken in these meetings.

(c): The Year wise demand, production, dispatch and pit-head value of coal are as under:-

[In million tonnes and million rupees]

Year	Demand (BE)	Production	Despatch	Pit-head Value
2009-10	604.33	532.042	513.792	513182.5
2010-11	656.31	532.694	523.465	620210.4
2011-12	696.03	(P) 532.940	(P) 535.152	Not available
2012-13	772.84	(P) 126.637	(P) 138.283	Not available

(up to June'12)

(P) for provisional data

(d) & (e): The country-wise quantity and value of coal & coke exported and imported during last 3 years is given in Annexure-I & II. While the export of coal has declined from 3.02 million tones for 2008-09 to 2.60 million tones in 2010-11, the import of coal during this period has increased from 60.88 million tones to 70.40 million tones primarily due to increase in aggregate demand and gap between demand and indigenous production of coal. The export & import of coal during the period from April 2011 to December 2011 is 1.78 million tones & 79.57 million tones respectively.

(f) & (g): Coal is under OGL and there is no ban on its export. Impact of export on indigenous availability of coal is negligible.

(h): With a view to increase the production of coal thereby reducing the dependence on import the Government has taken a series of steps including expeditious Environment & Forestry clearances, pursuing with Ministry of Railways for enhancing availability of rail

rakes and approaching State Government for necessary assistance in land acquisition and in problems relating to law and order. In addition, a series of steps have been taken by Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries for augmenting coal production which include (i) increasing the efficiency of the equipments, regular monitoring, mechanization as programmed and strict supervision of the existing mines and ongoing projects (ii) Capacity addition from new and future projects (iii) Consistent efforts for resolving issues of environmental & forestry clearances, land acquisition and law and order problems.