

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF COAL
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the countries from where the coal is being imported for the power stations located in the country;
- (b) the quantity as well as the rate at which the coal is being imported;
- (c) whether exporting countries have increased the prices of coal; and
- (d) if so, its likely impact on the cost of electricity generated per unit as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a) : According to the information available with CEA, coal is being imported by the Power Utilities mainly from Indonesia and South Africa.

(b) & (c) : Price of imported coal depends upon the specification of coal, country of origin and varies on a weekly basis. During the year 2011-12, power utilities imported 45.2 Million Tonne (MT) of coal.

As per the information available in Argus Coal Report, details of variation in the price of 5000 GCV as Received (GAR) Indonesian coal during the last 12 months, is given at Annex.

(d) : With 10% blending of imported coal with domestic coal, the increase in cost of electricity generation is of the order of 3 to 4 paisa per unit for every 10 dollar/tonne increase in cost of imported coal.