

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether appropriate steps have been taken by the Government for supply of coal to various consuming sectors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any discussion has been held with the foreign companies in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the names of such companies along with the details of India's share therein?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) : In the Annual Plan for 2012-13, Ministry of Coal/Planning Commission has assessed the demand of coal in the country to be 772.84 Million Tonnes. Against this demand, the supply from indigenous sources has been planned at 580.30 Million Tonnes and the demand-supply gap of 192.54 Million Tonnes has been envisaged to be met through imports. Considering the gap between coal demand and indigenous availability and to facilitate imports, Government has over the years reduced the import duty on coal from 85% in early nineties to 5% in 2004-05. Further, in the Union Budget for 2012-13, Government has granted full exemption of basic customs duty along with concessional Countervailing Duty of 1% for steam coal for the period upto 31st March 2014.

(c)&(d) : Coal India Limited (CIL) intends to meet the shortfall if any in their supply commitments under Fuel Supply Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding through import where feasible. CIL has also registered its 100% subsidiary Coal India Africana Limitada (CIAL) in Mozambique for exploration and development of two coal blocks allotted by Govt. of Mozambique through a bidding process. A Memorandum of Undertaking has also been signed by CIL with the Provincial Govt. of Limpopo, South Africa for acquisition, exploration and development of coal assets in the Limpopo Province of South Africa. The share or quantity of coal to be available from these sources for CIL cannot, however, be estimated at this stage