

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether as per Planning Commission, India's coal imports are likely to touch a whopping 185 million tonnes by 2017 which is almost 20 per cent of the international dry-fuel trade;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is making any efforts to step up the domestic production of coal so as to bridge the gap in demand and supply;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the total expenditure incurred on import of coal in the last three years;
- (e) whether India is exporting coal despite the scarcity; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): As per the XII Five Year Plan, the gap between the projected demand and the domestic production in the terminal year 2016-17 is estimated to be 185.50 million tones.

(b)&(c): The projected domestic production is 795 million tonnes as per the optimistic scenario assessed by the Working Group for formulation of the XII Five Year Plan. It is proposed to secure the supplies both through domestic production as well as import. For enhancing domestic production a number of new projects in public sector coal companies have been proposed to be taken up during the XII Plan. Besides a number of captive blocks are also envisaged to contribute in enhancing the production in the XII Plan.

(d) to (f): The total expenditure incurred on import of coal during the last three years is approx. Rs. 15,95,672 (million). A little amount of coal has been exported to neighboring countries for several years.

Import and Export of coal during the last three years is as under:-

(Quantity in million tonnes and value in million rupees)

Year	Import		Export	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2009-10	73.255	391800	2.449	5042
2010-11	68.918	415496	1.875	4809
2011-12 (P)	102.853	788376	2.032	5900
Total	245.026	1595672	6.356	15751