

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2804

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REQUIREMENT OF COAL

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

- (a) the projected requirement of coal in terms of its production and imports to meet the requirement of power plants/generation of electricity for the Twelfth Five Year Plan, separately;
- (b) the likely expenditure on account of such imports;
- (c) whether the Ministry is engaged in any discussion with the Ministry of Shipping to address the transportation needs due to increase in the volume of coal imported; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): Projected demand of coal, target of production and import during 12th Five Year Plan is as under:-

(in million tones)

Year	Total Estimated Demand of Coal (BE)	Estimated Demand for Power Utilities (BE)	Target of Production (BE)	Gap between Production & supply
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2012-13	772.84	512.00	578.10	194.74
2016-17	980.50	682.08	795.00	185.50

The gap between domestic production and demand is proposed to be met through import.

(b): The expenditure on account of proposed imports cannot be quantified unless actual imports take place since the value of coal to be imported depends on quality and fluctuation in prices in the International Market from time to time.

(c)&(d): The port capacities need to be strengthened for handling rising imports and the same has been highlighted in the Working Group report of XII Plan on Coal & Lignite.