

**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 the dependency on imported coal has been increasing day by day;
- (b) if so, the details of the quantity and value of coal imported during 2011-12 and the current year, country-wise along with the percentage share of such imported coal to the total consumption of coal in the country;
- (c) whether the Reserve Bank of India has recently cautioned against the increasing dependency on imported coal as it would impact growth and inflation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): There is a rising trend in coal imports mainly due to sharp increase in demand particularly in the power sector. The total imports in 2011-12 formed about 16% of total coal consumption in the country. The details of import of coal during 2011-12 and the current year of 2012-13 (upto July, 2012) are given in Annexure-1.

(c): No, Sir. No communication has been received from Reserve Bank of India in this regard.

(d)&(e): Does not arise in view of answer to (c) above.