

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1227  
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IMPORT OF COAL  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is importing coal to meet its demand in the country;
- (b) if so, the quantity, quality and value of coal imported by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the production of coal and lessen the dependency on its import?

**Answer**

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

- (a): No, Sir. However, consumers are importing coal as per their requirements since coal is on OGL and can be freely imported by anyone.
- (b): The details of quantity and value of coal imported during last three years and the current year, indicating source country are given an Annexure.
- (c): The Government has taken steps to expedite Environment & Forestry clearances, pursue with Ministry of Railways for enhancing availability of rail rakes and approach State Government for necessary assistance in land acquisition and in problems relating to law and order. In addition, a series of steps have been taken by Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries for augmenting coal production which include
  - (i) increasing the efficiency of the equipments, regular monitoring, mechanization as programmed and strict supervision of the existing mines and ongoing projects
  - (ii) Capacity addition from new and future projects.