

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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POWER POOLING OF COAL
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry proposes to introduce power pooling of coal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the salient features of this power pooling and the benefits likely to be derived by introducing such system?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (c) A report on price pooling of imported coal with domestic coal was prepared by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in consultation with Coal India Limited (CIL) with a view to augmenting the overall availability of coal for the power plants to achieve higher and affordable generation of electricity and the same was forwarded by Ministry of Power to Ministry of Coal with comments. Subsequently, a note on pooling of price of imported coal with domestic coal was sent by the Ministry of Coal to Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA). The CCEA considered the note dated 04.02.2013 in its meeting held on 05.02.2013 and has approved in principle certain guidelines for working out specific quantities/capacities for the proposed pooling methodology.