

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether coal is being imported for meeting the shortage in power plants;and

(b) if so, the details of coal imported from different countries during each of the last three years along with the quantum of funds spent thereon, country-wise?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The coal has been imported inter-alia mainly from Indonesia and South Africa. The details of quantum of coal imported by the power utilities to meet the shortfall in supply of domestic coal during the last three years and the current year (upto February, 2013) is given as under.

Year Imported coal quantity in (Million Tonne)

2009-10 18.8

2010-11 21.3

2011-12 27.8

2012-13 (upto February, 2013) 27.7

The details of amount spent in import of coal, coke and briquettes as available in the Department of Commerce website for last three years is given below:

	US\$ Million		
Commodity	April, 2009 to March, 2010	April, 2010 to March, 2011	April, 2011 to March, 2012

Coal, Coke Briquettes	8,969.17	9,781.12	17,480.10
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The details of country-wise quantum of funds spent on import of coal by the power utilities is not monitored.