

**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 the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has fixed a target to import coal for various power houses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether 60 percent of the total imported coal will be used in such power plants which have been constructed to use the indigenous coal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the foreign exchange likely to be spent on such import of coal?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) :Yes, Madam. During the year 2013-14, the total coal estimated to be imported is 82 Million Tonne (MT) for 36 power plants comprising 50 MT for 27 power plants designed on domestic coal and 32 MT for 9 power plants designed on imported coal.

As against the total domestic coal requirement of 516 MT for the year 2013-14, availability of domestic coal assured from CIL, SCCL and Captive Mines was only 441 MT, leaving a shortfall of 75 MT. In order to meet this shortfall of 75 MT domestic coal, Power Utilities have been advised to import 50 MT of imported coal as per the equivalent Gross Calorific Value (GCV) of the imported coal.

(e) :Price of imported coal depends upon various factors such as inter- alia, heat value, moisture content, ash content, source of origin, ocean freight, etc. As per Central Electricity Authority estimates, assuming an average landed price of 80 United States Dollars (USD) per tonne for 6300 Kcal/kg GCV imported coal, total foreign exchange involvement is expected to be around 6,560 Million USD.