

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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GAP BETWEEN DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the gap between demand and supply of coal in the country at present ;
- (b) Whether the Government has made any assessment of the demand-supply gap in coal in the country by 2016-17;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) The measures taken by the Government to bridge the gap in coal demand and supply accordingly?

Answer

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

- (a) The gap between demand and supply which is met through import of coal was of the order of 68.92 Mte in 2010-11, 102.85 Mte in 2011-12 and 145.79 Mte in 2012-13. During April-August 2013, about 71.63 MTe of Coal has been reported to have been imported to meet the demand-supply gap.
- (b)&(c) The gap between demand and indigenous supply of coal has been assessed to be of the order of 185.5 MT in 2016-17 and is envisaged to be met through coal imports by consuming sectors.
- (d) The Government has taken various measures to augment domestic supply of coal. These include follow up on Environment & Forestry clearances and with the Ministry of Railways for making available rail rakes, approaching State Government for necessary assistance in land acquisition and dealing with law and order problems, regular monitoring of existing mines and ongoing projects and capacity addition from new projects. However, despite these measures, it is expected that there will remain a gap between domestic demand and production even by the terminal year of 12th Plan (2016-17) which will need to be met through imports. As per the current import policy of Government, coal is placed under Open General License.