

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1633  
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MANIPULATION OF PRICE OF IMPORTED COAL  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantity of coal imported along with its price during the last three years and the current year, country/company wise;
- (b) whether certain irregularities have been reported to the Government pertaining to manipulation of price of imported coal by power companies and if so, the details and the facts thereof;
- (c) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY  
( SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL )

(a) : Quantity of coal imported during the last three years and current year is as under:

(In Million Tonne)

Years	Import	Coal	Import for	Power	Total
	Target	designed on	Plants		
		Domestic Coal	Imported Coal		
2011-12	55	27.50	17.66	45.16	
2012-13	70	31.08	31.66	62.74	
2013-14	82	37.78	42.22	80.00	
2014-15	94	41.15	36.01	77.16	

(up to  
January  
2015)

Power Utility-wise details of imported coal for the last three years i.e. 2011-12 to 2013-14 & 2014-15 (upto January 2015) are at Annex.

Price of imported coal depends upon various factors such as, inter-alia, heat value, moisture content, ash content, source of origin, ocean freight etc. and it varies from week to week.

(b) : No, Madam.

(c) & (d) : Do not arise.