

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND AND PRODUCTION OF COKING COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of coking coal existing in the country at present and the quantity of demand thereof;
- (b) whether there is huge difference in the demand and production of coking coal; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the plan of the Government to fill this gap?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
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(a)to(c): As per the inventory of geological resources, India was estimated to have 34.07 Billion Tonne of reserves of coking coal as on 01.04.2014, of which, only 5.3 Billion Tonne was prime coking coal and the balance of medium & semi coking varieties.

The demand for coking coal (metallurgical grade) was estimated to be 53.98 Million Tonne in 2013-14. However, the supply from indigenous sources in 2013-14 was only 19.07 Million Tonne. India is short of reserves of coking coal and its production is also short of the demand. Therefore, coking coal is being imported.

The import of coal, including coking coal has been kept on Open General License (OGL) and consumers are free to import coal from the sources of their choice as per their contractual prices on payment of applicable duties. The import of coking coal (metallurgical grade) in 2013-14 was 37.2 Million Tonne. CIL has stated that, wherever feasible, emphasis had been on identifying new projects of coking coal production in its subsidiaries (BCCL and CCL).