

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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COAL PRODUCTION AND IMPORTS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the loss/burden on exchequer due to increasing imports of coal in the country, if so, the details of loss/burden on exchequer during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the measures taken by the Government to reduce such burden/loss on exchequer and boost domestic coal production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
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(a)&(b): The value of coal imports in the last three year i.e.2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15(upto January 2015)were Rs.86,845.5crore, Rs.92,329.2crore and Rs. 86,808.0 crore respectively. This includes coking coal which is not sufficiently available in India. The import of coal has been kept under Open General License (OGL) and users are free to import coal from the sources of their choice as per their contractual prices on payment of applicable duty. In order to minimize the import dependency of thermal coal, the focus of the Government is to increase the domestic production of coal which includes efforts to expedite Environment & Forest clearances expeditiously, pursuing with State Government for assistance in land acquisition and coordinated efforts with Railways for movement of coal. An action plan has also been drawn by CIL in this regard to achieve production of 1000 Mte of coal by 2019-20.