

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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LANDED COST OF IMPORTED COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has been apprising the Union Government that the landed cost of imported coal is very high because Rajasthan is far away from ports resulting in higher cost of generation;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government is considering to provide full quantity of indigenous coal required for Rajasthan Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RVUN) Thermal Power Stations to mitigate the hardships of Rajasthan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b)&(c): The consumption of coal in India exceeds the overall domestic production/supply of coal. The total consumption of coal during 2013-14 was 739.42 Mte. against the supply of domestic coal of 571 Mte. The gap between total consumption & domestic supply was met through import of coal to the extent of 168.44 Mte. Therefore, to meet the requirement of coal for generation of electricity, many of the thermal plants, including those in Rajasthan, have had to resort to import of coal, because of the gap between demand and domestic supply.

In this regard, based on a request of M/s. Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd. (RRVUNL), approval of the competent authority has been conveyed to RRVUNL for utilization of surplus coal of 10.47 Lakh Tonnes (LT) mined from Parsa East and Kanta Basan coal blocks allocated to them for generation of power in their existing Thermal Power Stations (TPSs) viz. Kota TPS (1240 MW), Suratgarh TPS (1500 MW) & Chhabra TPS (500 MW) for the period July, 2014 to November, 2014. The requirement of imported coal by RRVUNL shall stand reduced to this extent.