

Import of Coking Coal

*354. **SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAK PATIL** : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and value of the imports of coking coal during the year 1985-86 and the names of the countries from where imported ;

(b) whether any offers have been received from China and Japan for supply of coking coal ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and how these offers compare with the present agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) The quantity and value of import of coking coal, country-wise, during the year 1985-86, are given below :

Name of the Party	Quantity (in Million Tonnes Approx.) and country of Import			Total quantity imported in million tonnes approx.)	Approx. C&F Value (Rs. in crores)
	Australia	Poland	Canada		
Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)	1.974	0.060	—	2.034	161.8
Tata Iron & Steel	0.380	—	3.039	0.419	32.0*

*(1 Dollar = Rs. 12.4)

(b) and (c). SAIL have not received any offer of Japanese coking coal. However, Japanese firms have from time to time submitted offers of coking coal mined in other countries.

In response to SAIL's Global Tender notice dated 5-7-1985 inviting applications from coal producers/suppliers for pre-qualification, an application was received from a Japanese party for supply of Soviet coal. As this offer did not conform to SAIL's prescribed technical parameters, it was not considered.

A Chinese organisation has submitted an offer for supply of Chinese coking coal to SAIL which is under consideration.

Implementation of SFDA Programme

*355. **KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI** :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States where Small Farmers Development Agency programme has been implemented so far ;

(b) whether the entire State of Madhya Pradesh has been covered under SFDA ; and

(c) if so, the number of farmers of the State who have been benefited under the said programme during the Sixth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. G.S. DHILLON) : (a) and (b). The Small Farmers Development Agency (SFDA) Programme was merged with the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRD) with effect from 2nd October, 1980.