

Import of coking and non-coking coal

865. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coking and non-coking coal, in tonnes, imported during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(b) the value of import, in rupees, during these years; and

(c) the total pithead stock of non-coking coal of Coal India and other national coal companies, as on 31st March, 1997, 1998 and 1999?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (PROF. RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) Since the coal is under OGL, import of coal is not monitored by Department of Coal. However, the details of quantity of coal and value of imported coal into the country during the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 are as follows:—

Year	Import (Quantity in Million tonnes) (Data Provisional)			Value (Rupees in Crores)
	Coking	Non-coking	Total	
1996-97	9.78	4.53	14.31	3532.00 (Approx)
1997-98	10.65	6.56	17.21	4422.30 (Approx)
1998-99	9.64	6.00	15.64	3640.20 (Approx)

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(c) The total non-coking coal stock at pithead of Coal India Limited and SCCL as on 31st March, 1997, 1998 and 1999 are as follows:—

(Figs, in million tonnes)
(Data provisional)

Year	CIL	SCCL
31.3.97	22.26	1.83
31.3.98	20.33	1.37
31.3.99	25.21	1.69

Coal Plants

866. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Coal Plants working in the country particularly in Bihar, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh & Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government have formulated any policy for smooth working of these coal plants, for the benefit of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (PROF. RITA VERMA): (a) It is assumed that the Hon'ble member is seeking information in respect of operating coal handling plants, in which case the details are as under:—

State-wise break-up of Coal Handling Plants (CHPs) in operation (including mini CHPs).

State	No. of CHPs
Bihar	44
Orissa	12
Madhya Pradesh	76
Maharashtra	36
TOTAL	168