

Functional Additives (MFA) which are beneficial to the engine and also reduces the emissions, thus benefits the environment.

#### Income and expenditure of TV network

†\* 440. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual income of the State funded television network during the last three years has been lesser than its annual expenditure; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of income and expenditure during each year between 2006-07 to 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a)  
Yes, Sir.

(b) As informed by Prasar Bharati, the details of the income and expenditure of Doordarshan between 2006-07 to 2008-09 are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Financial year	Net Commercial income	Expenditure
2006-07	726.07	1059.71
2007-08	724.42	1052.09
2008-09	737.05	1356.86

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

##### Non-coking coal

3191. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister COAL of be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite having ample reserves of non-coking coal, our country is faced with shortage and resultantly the total imports of coal in the 2008-09 are in excess of 50 million tonnes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Coal India Ltd. has not invested for exploration of coal to enhance the capacity;

(c) if so, whether Government would propose to permit private players who had already been allowed to mine coal for captive use and to sell the same to other users;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the alternative steps proposed by Government to reduce such huge imports of coal, since we have sufficient coal reserves?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes Sir, India is having fourth largest coal resource in the world. However, it is to be noted that only about 25% of this may be extractable. Further, coal reserves occur as horizontal deposit, which are to be extracted in a sequential manner starting from the top horizon. Total import of coal during 2008-09 is 59 Mt. (provisional), out of which 24 Mt. is coking coal and 35 Mt. non-coking coal. As per Annual Plan 2009-10 document, total demand supply gap in the country is 70 Mt.

Coastal power plants which are situated far away from coal producing States prefer imported coal instead of using indigenous coal on commercial considerations. Further, some other industries are also importing non-coking coal for blending purpose to improve quality of coal. Some coal is also being imported by the thermal power stations to meet environmental norms.

(b) No Sir. Coal India Ltd. through CMPDIL has taken action to enhance capacity of coal exploration through departmental resources and outsourcing. For expansion and modernization of departmental exploration equipments, a capital fund of Rs. 106 crores has been approved. This will lead to doubling the capacity from 2 lakh meter/ annum to 4 lakh meter/annum. To enhance the capacity through outsourcing, exploration/drilling in 18 coal blocks, involving 7.28 lakh meter of drilling has been awarded through open tendering for about Rs. 352 crores. Further, an MOU has been signed with MECL to take up long term exploration programme and exploration of 7 blocks involving 3.1 lakh meter of drilling has been awarded. A capital fund of Rs. 9.09 crores has also been approved for expansion of coal-core analysis facilities.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (c).

(e) After taking into account all the relevant factors, the Working Group on Coal and Lignite set up for formulation of Eleventh Five Year Plan has projected the total demand for coal by the terminal year of Eleventh Five Year Plan *i.e.* 2011-12 at 731.10 Mt. against which indigenous availability shall be of the order of about 680 Mt. leaving a demand supply gap of about 51 Mt. With a view to achieve the targeted production, a series of steps has been initiated through Annual Action Plans. It is expected that even the marginal demand supply gap in non-coking coal may be met through captive blocks, which would be adjusting their facilities in accordance with coal demand/requirement. Therefore, by the end of Twelfth Plan, no gap between demand and indigenous supply of non-coking coal is envisaged.

#### **Environment conservation**

3192. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: