

(d) For major consumers, State-wise allocation of Coal is done. However, Madhya Pradesh received 40.08 million tonnes of coal in 2008-09 and is expected to receive about 44 million tonnes in 2010-11.

Affordable coal to power and steel sector

3231. SHRID. RAJA:

SHRI R.C. SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the coal industry is not able to meet the demand of coking coal and thermal coal to the Steel and power sector manufacturing plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the projected demand of coal by these two sectors for 2010-11;
- (c) how Government proposes to meet the demand;
- (d) whether his Ministry has approached the Ministry of Finance to reduce the import duty on thermal coal and persist with zero duty on coking coal to enhance the availability of affordable coal to power and steel sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL):

(a) to (c) As per Annual Plan 2010-11, the coal demand by steel sector is estimated at 50.51 million tonnes and the indigenous availability at 17.92 million tonnes, leaving a gap of 32.59 million tonnes, which is required to be met through imports. As far as thermal coal for the power sector is concerned, the coal demand for 2010-11 has been estimated at 442.00 million tonnes and indigenous availability at 388.92 million tonnes. The gap of 53.08 million tonnes is to be met through the planned imports of 35 million tonnes by the power utilities, which is considered equivalent to about 53.08 million tonnes of indigenous variety, considering the higher calorific value of imported coal.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply given at (d) above.

Coal reserves in Neyveli lignite mines

3232. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent of coal reserves in Neyveli lignite mines area;
- (b) the time period during which the lignite reserves will last at the current rate of exploitation; and
- (c) the quantum of electricity produced by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation through its Thermal Power Plants during each of the last three years and its distribution during the period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL):

(a) There are no coal reserves in Neyveli Lignite Corporation's (NLC)'s mining area. However,