Demand of coal

474. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is a fact that the country is likely to import 194 million tonnes of coal in 2017;

(b)   if so, the details thereof;

(c)   whether it is also a fact that the demand for coal would increase further as more power plants are coming up; and

(d)   whether production of domestic coal would also support in a big way for the enhanced demand of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) As per the draft report of the Working Group on Coal and Lignite set up for formulation of 12th Five Year Plan, the gap between demand and supply of coal during the terminal year of 12th Five Year Plan *i.e.* 2016-17 may be of the order of 185.50 million tonnes.

(c) and (d) The demand for Coal during the terminal year of 12th Five Year Plan as per the draft report of the Working Group on Coal and Lignite set up for formulation of 12th Five Year Plan may increase from 696.00 million tonnes (Prov.) in 2011-12 to 980.50 million tonnes due to increase in demand from all sectors including the power sector. Against this domestic availability of coal as per the draft report of the Working Group may be 795.00 million tonnes.

Coal prices

475. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited (CIL) has recently announced new set of coal prices in the country;

(b)   if so, the details thereof;

(c)   whether it is also a fact that CIL had to withdraw its announced coal prices within a short span; and

(d)   if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Following the Government's announcement of switching over from Useful Heat Value (UHV) to Gross Calorific Value (GCV) system of grading of coal, the coal companies have revised their coal prices in terms of GCV bands with effect from 1-1-2012. The details are furnished below:-