

Exchange of coal with other countries

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is exporting coal to the countries like China, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Japan when the country's power projects are facing shortage of coal;

(b) if so, the details of the coal exported during the last three years and the shortage thereof during the same period;

(c) whether India's total import of coal jumped from 20 MT in 2002-03 to 90 MT in 2011-12; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons behind the export of coal when the commodity has been imported in large quantities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) The complete figures of export and import of coal are available for the year upto 2010-11. During the years 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11, the export of coal and coke to other countries was 3.023 Million Tonnes, 2.578 Million Tonnes and 2.604 Million Tonnes respectively. A Statement showing the country-wise export of coal and coke during 2008-09 to 2011-12 (upto December 2011) is given in the Statement-I (*See below*). The details of estimated coal demand *vis-a-vis* the actual supplies during 2008-09 to 2011-12 are given below:

Year	Estimated demand of coal as per Annual Plan (Million Tonnes)	Actual supplies/ despatches (Million Tonnes)	Gap between estimated demand and actual supplies (Million Tonnes)
2008-09	550.00	490.02	59.98
2009-10	597.98	514.56	83.42
2010-11	656.31	524.13	132.18
2011-12	649.87	544.90	104.97

(c) and (d) Coal is under Open General Licence (OGL) and the consumers are free to export and import coal. A statement showing the details of import of coking and non-coking coal, year-wise, since 2002-03 till April - December 2011 is given in the Statement-II (See below). While the demand - supply gap was in the range of 60 - 132 Million Tonnes during the last four years, the exports were in the range of only 2.60 Million Tonnes to 3 Million Tonnes.

Statement-I

*Destination countrywise Export of coal & coke
during 2008-09 to 2011-12*

(Quantity in Million Tonnes)				
Country	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Apr'11-Dec'11
1	2	3	4	5
Bangladesh	1.294	1.453	1.162	0.867
Nepal	0.279	0.821	0.658	0.327
Brazil	0.192	0.039	0.404	0.317
Bhutan	0.207	0.077	0.141	0.128
Turkey	0.000	0.000	0.079	0.000
Japan	0.022	0.000	0.054	0.000
USA	0.001	0.005	0.037	0.001
Pakistan	0.010	0.018	0.022	0.020
Netherland	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.000
Baharain	0.522	0.006	0.010	0.005
Korea	0.009	0.003	0.007	0.003
South Africa	0.000	0.002	0.004	0.000
U Arab Emirates	0.006	0.002	0.002	0.018
Sri Lanka	0.007	0.001	0.001	0.001

1	2	3	4	5
Saudi Arabia	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.003
Germany	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Finland	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Egypt	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
UK	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Iran	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.080
China	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Others	0.475	0.146	0.002	0.018
TOTAL	3.023	2.578	2.604	1.787

Statement-II

Year wise Import of Coal to India during 2002-03 to 2011-12

(Quantity in Million Tonnes)

Year	Coking Coal	Non-Coking Coal	Total Coal
2002-03	12.947	10.313	23.260
2003-04	12.992	8.691	21.683
2004-05	16.925	12.025	28.950
2005-06	16.891	21.695	38.586
2006-07	17.877	25.204	43.081
2007-08	22.029	27.765	49.794
2008-09	21.080	37.923	59.003
2009-10	24.690	48.565	73.255
2010-11	19.484	49.434	68.918
2011-12 (Apr-Dec)	23.871	54.007	77.878