

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.\*13  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022**

**Import of expensive coal**

**\*13 SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:**

**Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has indicated that domestic coal production had reached record levels;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that delivery of coal to power plants had failed in April-June 2022 which led to worst power crisis, if so, reasons therefor;
- (c) whether expensive imported coal was thrust on power plants as Coal India Limited (CIL) and Railways failed to despatch and deliver coal to power plants; and
- (d) the details regarding benefits accrued to persons, that own foreign coalfields, from importing coal at high prices, handling imported coal through their ports and in transporting coal to domestic destinations during first quarter of 2022-2023?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES**

**(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)**

**(a) to (d):** A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 13 for answer on 18.07.2022 asked by Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

**(a):** The all India coal production in the year 2021-2022 was 778.19 Million Tonne (MT) in comparison to 716.083 MT in the year 2020-2021. Further, in the current financial year (upto June'22), the country has produced 204.876 MT of coal as compared to 156.11 MT during the same period of last year with a growth of about 31%.

The production of 622.63 Million Tonne (MT) of coal by Coal India Limited (CIL) during 2021-22 is the highest ever. Production for the year 2021-22 represents an increase of 26.41 MT, which is 4.4 % growth over the previous year's 596.22 MT. In the first quarter of 2022-23, CIL has produced 159.75 MT coal with an absolute growth of 35.78 MT (28.9%) over the same period of FY 2021-22.

**(b) & (c):** As per Central Electricity (CEA), the total coal receipt (domestic + imported) and total coal consumption of coal based thermal power stations in the country during last 3 years and current FY 2022-23 (April-June), is as under:-

(Figures in

MT)

Period	Receipt			Total Consumption
	Domestic	Imported	Total	
2019-20	569.5	69.2	638.7	622.2
2020-21	550.8	45.5	596.3	615.4
2021-22	667.6	27.0	694.6	697.3
2021-22 (April-June)	158.9	11.2	170.2	168.3
2022-23 (April-June)	189.0	16.5	205.5	204.3

As can be seen from above, during 2022-23 (April-June), the receipt of domestic coal at the power plants has increased to 189 MT from 158.9 MT during the same period last year, registering a growth of about 19%. Further, against the consumption of about 204.3 MT during 2022-23 (Apr-June), the total coal receipt during the period was 205.5 MT. The coal stock available at the power plants monitored on daily basis in CEA increased from 25.6 MT as on 31.03.2022 to 27.5 MT as on 10.07.2022.

During the first quarter of the current financial year, Coal India Limited, the single largest supplier of coal in the country, has dispatched a record quantity of 152.49 MT coal to Power Sector against the same period of last year dispatch of 127.94 MT, registering a growth of 19.2 %.

Ministry of Power vide letter dated 28.04.2022 has advised power plants to import about 61 MT coal for blending purposes during 2022-23.

**(d):** As per the current import policy, coal is kept under Open General License (OGL) and consumers are free to import coal from the source of their choice as per their contractual prices on payment of applicable duty.

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