

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL**

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2024**

Availability of coking coal

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

(a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that high import dependency of coking coal/coke is a major concern for the country's steel industry due to constraints related to coking coal availability and production in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the corrective steps that are proposed to be taken by Government to make optimal quantity available for the steel sector and also to improve the production through the use of new mining technologies?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
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(a): In terms of Coking Coal, India is largely dependent on imports as the availability and supply of high-quality coal / coking coal (low-ash coal) in the country is limited as compared to the demand which is primarily used by Integrated Steel Producers. The available domestic coking coal resources have high ash content which require washing and blending with low ash coking coal for its use in steel-making.

Steel CPSEs have been procuring coking coal from a diversified group of countries mainly Australia, United States, Indonesia, Mozambique, Russia etc. The year-wise quantity of import and domestic coking coal production in the country from 2022-23 to 2023-24 is given below-

Years	Domestic coking coal production (Qty in MT)	Coking Coal Import (Qty in MT)
2023-24 (Provisional)	66.82	58.12

(b): Ministry of Coal has launched Mission Coking Coal in FY-22 to increase coking coal supply to steel sector. The current domestic blending of coking coal by steel sector could be increased from the present 10-12% to 30-35%.

Government has taken following initiatives to increase availability of coking coal production by 2030.

- (i) Coal Companies i.e. BCCL & CCL contributes major part of coking coal production from CIL. The production of coking coal in CIL is in growing trend and likely to increase

to the level of 105 Million tonnes by 2029-30. For this purpose, CIL is regularly conducting linkage auctions for long term supply of coking coal to Steel sector. CIL has offered 11 discontinued coking coal mines on a new innovative model of Revenue Sharing with the private sector. CIL has planned to start 10 new mines with a PRC of 22.64 MTY.

- (ii) Ministry of Coal has allocated 14 coking coal mines.
- (iii) CIL has planned to construct 8 new coking coal washeries to enhance washing capacity and to monetize of 4 old washeries to enhance washing capacity.
- (iv) CIL is using the idle washing capacity of private washeries for beneficiation of coking coal of BCCL.
- (v) CIL is renovating 2 old washeries to improve washing capacity.
- (vi) CIL has planned to allow Steel sector to set up new washeries on CBA land, based on demand, and provide long term linkages based on the same policy of Long term Coking Coal Linkage auction for steel as the monetization model.
- (vii) SAIL is planning to enhance Washery capacity from 2 to 6 MTPA, Tata Steel from 7.6 to 11 MTPA and JSW has planned 2 MTY Washery.
