

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:985  
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IMPORT OF COAL BY SAIL  
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

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

- (a) whether Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) imports about 6-7 million tonnes of coking coal annually, mainly from Australian companies like BHP and Glencore;
- (b) if so, whether SAIL has made long term coal import contracts with Hail Creek, a newly Commissioned Coking Coal Mine in Australia; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the speciality of the said coal?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. SAIL is importing about 7-8 million tonnes of coking coal annually, mainly from Australian companies like M/s. BHP, M/s. Anglo, M/s. MIM etc.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise in view of `b` above.