

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT FOR EXCHANGE OF INTERMEDIATE ITEMS

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the domestic steel industries are facing the shortage of goods like Coke, Coking Coal and Silicon;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has signed any agreement with some countries to receive Coke, Coking Coal and Silicon under mutual exchange of goods scheme to meet the shortage; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a)&(b): Due to lack of domestic availability and adequate production within the country, steel plants perforce have to import some essential raw materials like coking coal and coke. The National Steel Policy emphasizes that in the interest of coking coal security, the Government would encourage joint ventures and equity participation abroad by steel and coal companies. The policy also states that exports of iron ore would be leveraged for import of coking coal or for investment in India. However, no agreements have been signed as yet for mutual exchange of goods.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.