

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:651
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SUPPLY OF COAL TO POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a short supply of coal and the coal mines are not able to meet the requirements of the power plants;
- (b) if so, the demands received and the supplies made during each of the last two years to power plants;
- (c) the reasons for the short supply, if any; and
- (d) the measures taken to meet the demand?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in replv to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 651 for 11.5.2005.

(a) & (b): Coal companies have been producing more coal than target fixed for them and by and large have been meeting the demand of power sector. On account of higher generation due to improved Plant Load Factor, there is marginal shortfall in availability for which some quantity of coal is being imported. The All India demand of coal for power utilities as assessed by the Planning Commission for 2003-04 and 2004-05 and the offtake to power sector is as under:

(Figures in million tonnes)

Year	All India Demand for power utilities	Offtake to power utilities	Imports by Power utilities
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2003-04	268.13	265.60	3.00
2004-05	280.19	281.01#	3.75#

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(The demand includes imports)

(c): Despite in reduction of import duty, expected imports did not materialize due to sudden increase in the cost of imported coal.

(d): Measures taken to meet the additional requirement of coal to power sector are as follows:

1. 99 projects in CIL and 23 projects in SCCL are being taken up during Xth Plan
2. Improvement in equipment utilization.
3. Speeding up the process of mining coal from the captive blocks allotted

to the power utilities.

4. Import of coal by power utilities to the tune of 10 million tonnes during 2005-06.

5. Close monitoring of implementation of new projects.