

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF COAL
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to import coal on a large scale to run thermal power projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the quality, quantity and cost of the coal imported from abroad during the last three years, year-wise for the thermal power plants; and
- (d) the quantity of coal targeted to be imported during the year 2006-07?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : Import of 13.45 million tonne of coal has been planned during 2005-06 so as to bridge the gap between demand and availability of indigenous coal and to build up adequate stock at thermal power stations in the country.

(c) : The details of the quality, quantity and cost of the coal imported during the last three years, year-wise for the thermal power plants are as under:

Year	Quantity (Thousand Tonne)	Quality (GCV in Kcal/Kg)	Cost (Rs. Per Metric Tonne)
2002-03	3071	4700-6800	2112-3000
2003-04	3369	4700-6800	2112-2921
2004-05	4527	4750-6800	2621-3223

GCV= Gross Calorific Value.

(d) : The quantity of coal targetted for import for thermal power plants for 2006-07 is about 20 million tonne.