

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:779  
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CRISIS OF COAL IN SAIL  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is facing shortage of coal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether consumption of coal is constantly increasing in SAIL/Subsidiaries;
- (d) if so, the quantity of coal consumed separately by each unit under SAIL during the last three years;
- (e) whether SAIL is importing coal from other countries every year to meet its requirements; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof including the names of the countries?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The consumption of coking coal and thermal coal at Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)'s Plants during the last three years is given below:-

Coking Coal  
(Million tonnes)

Year	Bokaro Steel Plant	Durgapur Steel Plant	Raurkela Steel Plant	Steel Steel Plant	IISCO Steel Plant	Total Steel
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2003-04	4.01	1.90	1.88	3.60	1.15	12.54
2004-05	3.77	1.72	1.81	3.39	1.16	11.85
2005-06	4.40	1.85	1.84	3.90	1.15	13.14

Thermal Coal  
(Million tonnes)

Year	Bokaro Steel Plant	Durgapur Steel Plant	Raurkela Steel Plant	Steel Steel Plant	IISCO Steel Plant	Total Steel
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2003-04	0.66	0.68	1.34	1.69	0.11	4.48
2004-05	0.74	0.90	1.43	1.69	0.17	4.93
2005-06	0.58	0.83	1.49	1.90	0.15	4.95

(e)&(f): SAIL is importing Hard & Soft Coking Coal from Australia, New Zealand, USA, China, Canada and Indonesia. The quantity of coking coal imported by SAIL during the last three years is given below year wise and country wise:-

Country wise break up of import of Coking Coal

Quantity in Million Tonnes

Year Australia New Zealand USA China Canada Indonesia Total

2003-04	6.89	0.29	-	-	-	-	7.18
2004-05	7.12	0.25	0.75	0.06	0.05	-	8.23
2005-06	7.48	0.5	1.01	0.25	-	0.1	9.34