

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:213

ANSWERED ON:15.12.2004

PRODUCTION OF COAL

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production in tonnes by each subsidiary of Coal India Ltd. and other coal companies during each of the last three years;
- (b) the total quantum and value of coal imported during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to improve the quality of coal and check its imports into the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI SHIBU SOREN)

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

Statement referred to in answer to Parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 213 for answer on 15.12.2004, asked by Shri Hemlal Murmu and Shri Santosh Gangwar regarding production of coal.

a) Production of Coal India Limited and other companies during the last three years is as under:

(in Million Tonnes)

Company 2003-04 2002-03 2001-02

ECL	28.00	27.18	28.55
BCCL	22.68	24.15	25.25
CCL	37.33	36.98	33.81
NCL	47.03	45.10	42.46
WCL	39.53	37.82	37.01
SECL	71.01	66.60	64.12
MCL	60.05	52.23	47.81
NEC	0.73	0.63	0.64
CIL	306.36	290.69	279.65
SCCL	33.85	33.24	30.81
Others	20.95	17.34	17.33

Gr.Total 361.16 341.27 327.79

b) Total quantum of coal imported during the last three years along with its value is as under:

Year Import

Quantity in Million Tonnes Value in Crore Rupees

2001-02 20.55 4535.70

2002-03	23.26	5027.90
2003-04	21.68	5008.70

(c) & (d) Coal companies have taken various steps for improving the quality of indigenous coal right from mining at coal face up to the dispatch point for consumers. Adherence to the envisaged mining sequence / mining layout at the working faces, selective mining to separate dirt bands from coal, adoption of measures like mining of coal by surface miners / picking of shale / stones at the mine, Coal Handling Plants (CHPs) and dispatch points, adopting proper blasting technique etc. are some of the various efforts made to improve quality of coal.

In addition as per the requirement of the end users washing of coal has been adopted. Washing of coking coal has been a practice followed since long to reduce the ash content in coal. Washing of Non-Coking coal is also being done now to supply coal of requisite quality to the consumers particularly power sector to meet the environmental requirement.

Under the present import policy of the Government all types of coal and coke is free to import coal. Consumers import coal of different types based on their needs and economic considerations.