

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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INCREASE IN IMPORT OF COAL

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the import of coal from various countries to bridge the gap between demand and supply of coal in the country has increased during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the value and quantum of coal imported during the said period, country-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to import coal from the other countries in the next financial year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of coal and reduce its import into the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)to(d): As the demand for coal is higher than the current production level / supply in the country, coal is imported by consuming sectors. As per the current import policy, coal is under Open General License (OGL) and consumers are free to import coal from the source of their choice as per their contractual prices on payment of applicable duty. Details of country-wise, year-wise quantity and value of coal imported during the last three years and current year is given below:-

Country (Quantity in Million tonnes & Value in Rs.in Million)
2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15#

	Quan- tity	Value	Quan- tity	Value	Quan- tity	Value	Quan- tity	Value
Indonesia	55.3	258417	82.4	329706	103.1	418554	79.7	310601
Australia	27.8	366256	30.5	315969	34.8	319486	29.9	219223
South Africa	12.2	77107	20.3	113565	20.6	111462	19.0	97149
USA	3.0	39746	6.4	55033	3.7	32070	3.0	21089
Russia	1.2	9885	0.4	3564	0.7	6116	0.7	4993
New Zealand	1.0	12986	1.0	11356	1.2	10962	0.7	5151
China	0.5	4939	0.02	342	0.2	2014	0.01	227
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Canada	0.2	3157	1.0	10843	1.3	12248	1.2	9376
Mozambique	1.0	10187	1.5	11863	1.3	8573		
Others	1.7	15883	2.9	27890	1.5	8154	2.1	9688
Total	102.9	788376	145.8	868455	168.4	932929	137.6	686070

Import April- November, 2014. Source: CCO

(e): The focus of the Government is to improve the domestic production of Coal which include efforts to expedite clearances, pursuing with State Government for help in expediting land acquisition and coordinated effort with Railways for movement of coal. Steps have been taken by CIL and its subsidiaries to improve the production and quality of coal by adopting latest available technologies such as Continuous Miners, Selective Mining, Surface Miners and clean Coal Technologies, Coal sizing and sampling technologies. CIL

has recently introduced 'third party sampling' of the coal supplied under which the coal purchasing party is free to choose a sample of its choice from the empanelled list of third party samples.