

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2846
FOR ANSWER ON 20/12/2023

RAW MATERIAL FOR STEEL INDUSTRY

2846. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to diversify the procurement of coking coal from other countries to ensure safety of raw materials in steel industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to promote domestic production of coking coal and its utilisation thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a)&(b): Steel CPSEs has been procuring coking coal from a diversified group of countries mainly Australia, United States, Indonesia, Mozambique etc. The import of coking coal from Russia has also increased after signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 14.10.2021 with Russia on procurement of coking coal which is used in steel making.

The import of coking coal in the last two years & the current year is attached in **Annexure**.

(c) To substitute Import of Coking Coal, the current domestic blending of coking coal by steel sector is to be increased. Accordingly, Ministry of coal has launched Mission Coking Coal in FY22 to meet the domestic coking coal demand projected in National steel policy, 2017. Following transformative measures have been taken by Ministry of Coal to promote domestic production of Coking coal –

(i) Ramping up of domestic coking coal production:

- a. Coal India Limited (CIL) has planned to increase raw coking coal production from existing mines up to 26 MT and identified ten new mines with Peak Rated Capacity (PRC) of about 22 MT by FY 2025.
- b. CIL has offered 8 discontinued mines on a new innovative model of revenue sharing with the private sector in Tranche 1 and Tranche II- LOA (Letter of Assurance) issued for 6 nos, out of which, Agreement has been signed for 3 nos.
- c. Ministry of Coal has auctioned 16 coking coal blocks to the private sector with a PRC of 25.8 MT during the last two years. These blocks are expected to start production by 2028-29.

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(ii) Increase in coking coal supply to steel sector:

- a. Enhance washing capacity: Presently, the washing capacity in the country is about 23 MTPA including 9.26 MTPA of private sector. CIL is planning to set up and operationalize 9 new Washeries with a capacity of 26.5 MTPA. They are expected to be operationalized by 2027. Therefore, Washery capacity in CIL is likely to increase from 13.96 to 40.44 MTPA. Further, SAIL is planning to enhance Washery capacity from 2 to 6 MTPA, Tata Steel from 7.8 to 10 MTPA and JSW has planned 2 MTPA Washery.
- b. Monetization of old Washeries: CIL is exploring options to monetize old washeries to increase washing capacities in the country.

Import of Coking Coal

(All figures in Million Tonne)

S. No.	Country	April-August 2023 (p)
1	AUSTRALIA	13,210
2	CANADA	1,417
3	INDONESIA	864
4	LATVIA	0
5	MOZAMBIQUE	796
6	NETHERLAND	85
7	NEW ZEALAND	99
8	POLAND	11
9	RUSSIA	2,600
10	SINGAPORE	2,199
11	SWITZERLAND	596
12	U ARAB EMTS	246
13	U K	0
14	UKRAINE	10
15	U S A	3,456
Total		25,589

S. No.	Country	2022-23
1	AUSTRALIA	30,100
2	AUSTRIA	25
3	CANADA	2,896
4	COLOMBIA	13
5	INDONESIA	2,234
6	LATVIA	72
7	MOZAMBIQUE	2,081
8	NEW ZEALAND	294
9	RUSSIA	4,481
10	SINGAPORE	5,399
11	SWITZERLAND	420
12	U ARAB EMTS	660
13	U K	103
14	U S A	7,274
Total		56,053

S.No.	Country	2021-22
1	AUSTRALIA	40,485
2	AUSTRIA	32
3	CANADA	2,115
4	CHINA P RP	920
5	GERMANY	82
6	INDONESIA	1,104
7	MALAYSIA	37
8	MOZAMBIQUE	1,771
9	NEW ZEALAND	99
10	RUSSIA	1,506
11	SINGAPORE	4,302
12	SWITZERLAND	572
13	U ARAB EMTS	231
14	U K	14
15	U S A	3,850
Total		57,123

Source: DGFT
