

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1311  
FOR ANSWER ON 11/02/2019**

**REQUIREMENT OF COKING COAL**

1311. SHRI ABHIJIT MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of requirement of coking coal annually for the period 2014-18);
- (b) the production of coking coal from the three mines operated by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL);
- (c) the total annual import of coking coal during the said period and the expenditure incurred thereon year-wise; and
- (d) the reason for huge imports of coking coal despite having three mines in the country?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) The annual requirement of coking coal of steel sector for the period 2014-18 was estimated at 45.36 MT, 47.84 MT, 48.45 MT and 50.46 MT respectively.

(b) Details of the production of raw coking coal from three Captive Coking Coal Mines of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) during 2014-18 are as follows:-

(In Million Tonnes)

Year	Chasnalla	Jitpur	Tasra	Total
2014-15	0.325	0.092	0.024	0.441
2015-16	0.483	0.075	-	0.558
2016-17	0.455	0.085	-	0.540
2017-18	0.323	0.093	0.184	0.600

(c) Coking coal imported by SAIL during the period 2014-18 and the expenditure incurred thereon year-wise was as below:-

Year	Import Qty. (MT)	Total Cost (Rs. in crore)
2014-15	13.87	12749
2015-16	13.12	10448
2016-17	11.98	13871
2017-18	13.92	20542

(d) The overall availability of coking coal from indigenous sources is inadequate to meet the requirement of SAIL steel plants. In order to bridge the gap between total coking coal requirement of SAIL and the indigenous availability of coking coal, both in quantitative as well as qualitative terms, SAIL needs to import low ash coking coal from different sources.

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