

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3644**  
FOR ANSWER ON 24/07/2019

**SHORTAGE OF METALLURGICAL COAL FOR THE STEEL INDUSTRY**

3644. SHRI MANISH GUPTA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether shortage of metallurgical coal for the steel industry in the country is a serious limiting factor in the development of the industry, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether power supply is irregular in some plants, if so, the actions being initiated to obviate this factor; and
- (c) whether the labour force is not as productive as in most steel plants in other developed countries, if so, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir. India has a shortage of low ash content coking coal. As a result, almost 52 Million Metric Tonnes of coking coal is imported every year by the steel plants. Total supply of indigenous coking coal is about 5 Million Metric Tonnes.
- (b) Power supply in steel plants is met through captive power generation as well as supply from power grid which is steady.
- (c) No, Sir.

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