

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3821**  
FOR ANSWER ON 28/03/2018

**STEEL INDUSTRY DEPENDENT ON COKING COAL IMPORTS**

3821. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the domestic steel industry is highly dependent on coking coal imports;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that efforts were being made to reduce reliance on imported coking coal by producing more steel in the BF-BOF (blast furnace-basic oxygen furnace) route; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): BF-BOF (blast furnace-basic oxygen furnace) route depends on the use of coking coal for the production of steel. More production of steel making through BF-BOF route will require additional coking coal, however, specific consumption of coking coal is likely to decrease due to technological intervention. The capacity of steel making by BF-BOF route over the last three years and the present year is as under:-

**Steel making capacity through BF-BOF Route (in MT)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>BF-BOF (MT)</b>
2014-15	43.53
2015-16	47.35
2016-17	50.85
2017-18(P)	51.35

(P) Provisional. Source: JPC

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