

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3141

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JOINT VENTURE BY COAL INDIA LIMITED

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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) is planning to take new projects with foreign agencies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the mines identified for the purpose;
- (d) the steps being taken in this regard;
- (e) the present production capacity of CIL; and
- (f) the extent to which it is likely to be expanded by the proposed venture ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Coal India Limited is exploring different routes including joint ventures for development of new projects. However, participation of foreign agencies in such joint venture can be confirmed only after finalisation of bids.

(c) Two new opencast projects namely, Magadh and Amrapali in the command area of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) have so far been identified for joint venture for production of coal.

(d) Industrial Credit & Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) has been appointed as consultant to advise the appropriate route for development of Magadh and Amrapali projects. They have developed a request for qualification bid document. The consultant has held discussions with representatives of various mining companies. A core group at CIL is also examining the various options for early implementation of the projects.

(e) Total annual capacity as on 1.4.2001 as assessed by Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited is 312.32 million tonnes of coal.

(f) The annual production capacity of Magadh and Amrapali opencast projects is 12.0 million tonnes of coal per year each.