

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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CONVERSION OF COAL TO LIQUID FUEL AND GAS  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the investment Commission headed by Ratan Tata has directed to examine the feasibility of converting coal in to liquid fuel and gas as reported in The Hindu dated January 06, 2007;
- (b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein;
- (c) whether the Union Government has set up an inter-ministerial group to examine the said feasibility;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (b): Shri Ratan Tata, Chairman, Investment Commission made a presentation to the Prime Minister on establishment of coal to liquid (CTL) industry in India. The presentation highlighted the role of CTL in India's oil security, feasibility of CTL in India and Government facilitation for CTL. After discussion it was decided to set up an Inter Ministerial Group within the Planning Commission to examine the proposal and recommend a specific road map with time lines for future actions.

(c) to (e): An Inter-Ministerial Group has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Member (Energy), Planning Commission which will furnish the recommendations to the Planning Commission by the end of March 2007. Members of the Inter- Ministerial Group are as follows:

- Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance
- Secretary, Ministry of Coal
- Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- Secretary, Department of IPP, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Secretary, DST, Ministry of Science and Technology
- Principle Adviser (Energy), Planning Commission