

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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JOINT VENTURE PROJECTS OF CIL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) proposes to set up joint venture projects in various countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of such joint venture projects that are likely to be set up; and
- (c) the details of investment proposed to be made by CIL in those projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b) With a view to enhance the energy security of the nation, Coal India Limited (CIL) is considering to invest abroad in coal mines/blocks having metallurgical and low ash thermal type of coal. The domestic reserve of this type of coal, which can be extracted with techno-commercial feasibility, is scarce. To achieve this objective of acquiring coal properties abroad, joint venture route would be one of the options.

The countries where CIL proposes to pursue its foreign venture initiatives, through joint venture or otherwise, would be those, such as Australia, Canada, Mozambique etc., which have sufficient reserves of targeted coal, suitable geographic location to make the logistics cost for importing coal competitive and favourable Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy for investment in coal mining.

(c) No specific opportunities have yet been identified to be taken up for acquisition, and as such it would not be possible to furnish the exact amount of investment required for this venture.