

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Memorandum of Understanding was signed during the recent visit of Australian Prime Minister in the field of coal mining;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Australian Government has expressed its willingness to provide technical assistance in exploration of coal in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(c)&(d) : Yes, Sir. The possibility of bilateral cooperation in the area of various technical services related to coal mining including exploration are considered in the Joint Working Group on Energy & Minerals constituted between Govt. of India and Govt. of Australia.