

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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TECHNOLOGIES FOR EXTRACTION OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating developing new technologies for extracting the valuable coal reserves/deposits in the NO-GO areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the technology of underground coal gasification is worth attempting with due precautions in such areas so as to recover the valuable coal resources; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Government has taken steps to develop new technologies like Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) in India for which guidelines have been issued for conducting the operation and allotment of blocks. Prima facie UCG technology can be adopted for extracting energy from coal which is not mineable through conventional methods.