

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:51
ANSWERED ON:11.11.2010
COAL BED METHANE GAS RESERVES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total Coal Bed Methane (CBM) reserves in the country as on date, State-wise:
- (b) whether any CBM Gas reserve has been identified in Bihar at Jharkhand border areas;and
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the present status of commercial production of CBM in the country; and
- (e) the further measures being taken in this regard to boost production?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (e). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question no. 51 for answer on 11.11.2010 regarding 'Coal Bed Methane Gas Reserves'

(a) Coal Bed Methane(CBM) reserves have been established presently in the following five blocks.

Sr. No	Block	Operator (TCF)	State	Reserves Established
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1	BK -CBM- 2001/I (ONGC)	Oil and Natural Corporation Ltd	Jharkhand	1.20
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2	Raniganj (South)	Great Eastern Energy Corporation Ltd(GEECL)	West Bengal	1.92
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3	SP (East)-CBM- 2001/I Ltd(RIL)	Reliance Industries	Madhya Pradesh	1.69
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4	SP (West)-CBM- 2001/I	RIL		1.96
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5	RG (East)-CBM-	ESSAR	West Bengal	2.15
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Total 8.92

TCF- Trillion Cubic Feet

(b) No, Madam.

(c) Does not arise, in view of (b) above.

(d) Currently, CBM is being commercially produced @ 1, 00,000 m³/day from the Ranganj (South) block in West Bengal operated by Great Eastern Energy Corporation Limited (GEECL).

(e) In order to boost production of CBM in the country, a total of 33 CBM blocks have been awarded so far. The estimated CBM production in the country is about 7 Million Standard Cubic Meter Per Day (MMSCMD) by the year 2014.