

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

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MINES UNDER CBM POLICY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Ministry of Coal asked to return back the mines identified under Coal Bed Methane projects;
- (b) if so, the reasons for such demand;
- (c) the level of satisfaction in respect of Gas production from these mines; and
- (d) the response of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) So far, the Development Plans for three Coal Bed Methane(CBM) blocks, namely, Raniganj (South) of Great Eastern Energy Corporation Limited and Sohagpur (East) and Sohagpur (West) of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) have been approved. Out of these, commercial production of CBM has commenced from Raniganj (South) block w.e.f. July, 2007. Current production is about 1,00,000 cubic meters per day. The other two fields are under development.

The current gas productions from above three blocks are lower than what was envisaged in the approved Development Plan. This is due to various reasons, such as, lack of market in nearby area, delay in laying of pipeline due to Right of Use (RoU) issues, land acquisition and law and order problems etc. These issues are being sorted out and it is estimated that the total CBM production in the country is likely to increase to the tune of 5 Million Standard Cubic Meter Per Day (MMSCMD) in next two to three years period.

(d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.