

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COAL GASIFICATION

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch a massive scheme for underground coal gasification in the country;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the scheme;
- (c) the coal blocks allotted for this purpose, State-wise;
- (d) whether any international assistance is also sought for this purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved under the scheme alongwith the amount allocated and spent so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

- (a) & (b): With a view to developing Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) potential in our country for energy production, Govt. has notified UCG as one of the end uses under captive coal mining policy. This notification has paved the way for taking up UCG by public/private entrepreneurs. Further, guidelines have been issued on 13/7/2009 for allotment of UCG blocks and carrying out commercial exploitation of UCG.
- (c): Five lignite blocks and two coal blocks have been identified for offer to various companies for taking up UCG projects.
- (d) & (e): The Ministry has not sought any international assistance for developing Underground Coal Gasification.