

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:289

ANSWERED ON:16.03.2011

COAL LIQUEFACTION TECHNOLOGY

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made in the development of coal liquefaction or coal to liquid technology in the country;
- (b) whether some corporate houses have evinced interest in providing fuel through the use of this technology;
- (c) if so, the details of proposals received by the Government so far and the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to induct/transfer foreign technology in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 289 FOR REPLY ON 16.3.2011 ASKED BY SHRI PRASANTA KUMAR MAJUMDAR AND ADV.GANESHRAO DUDHGAONKAR

(a) to (c): A policy decision has been taken to promote coal liquefaction in the country from the energy security point of view. A gazette notification has been issued notifying coal liquefaction as one of the specified end uses for the purpose of allotment of captive coal/lignite blocks to the entrepreneurs. In accordance with the policy, Ministry of Coal has allotted two coal blocks in Talcher coalfields, i.e North of Arkhapal-Srirampur Block to M/s Strategic Energy Technology Systems Ltd. (SETL) and Ramchandi Block to M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. (JSPL). The proposed production capacity of each project is about 80,000 barrels of oil per day. The proposed oil production is expected to commence by 2018. Coal India Limited (CIL) has also shown interest in this sector.

(d) & (e): Developers of these blocks have tied up with foreign countries for developing these projects.