

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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ACQUISITION OF OVERSEAS MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to acquire overseas mines in a big way to bridge the gap between demand and supply of minerals in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith progress made in this regard;
- (c) the names of countries in which India has stake in mineral wealth; and
- (d) the action plan proposed to give a boost to this sector in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): As per available information, considering the need for metallurgical grade coal and thermal coal in the country, International Coal Venture Limited(ICVL), a special purpose vehicle, with equity participation to an extent of Rs. 3500 crore by SAIL, Coal India Ltd, RINL, NMDC and NTPC Ltd. has been set up for acquisition of metallurgical and coal assets abroad. The ICVL will function like a Navratna Company (with powers to clear proposals involving investment of upto Rs. 1500 Crore). ICVL is assisted by a panel of investment bankers on acquisition of coal assets abroad through equity purchase, JVs in existing mines or Greenfield projects in Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Mozambique, Russia and USA. A MoU was signed between ICVL and the Provincial Governor of Kalimantan, Indonesia on 25th January, 2011 envisaging direct allocation of mineral resources in the Province for ICVL.

(c) & (d): While details on the names of countries in which India has stake in mineral wealth is not separately mentioned since acquisition of raw material assets is largely driven by needs of the domestic industry, as arising from time to time, interest has been shown by Indian Companies in acquisition of assets in countries in Africa, Latin America, Australia, North America, Russia and South-East Asia.