

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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COAL BED METHANE

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is in favour of giving away rights to Coal Bed Methane (CBM) blocks to coal mining companies;

(b) If so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the mining rights to be granted to the operators?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Coal has approached Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas to consider extending rights to explore/exploit Coal Bed Methane/Coal Mine Methane (CBM/CMM) in the leasehold areas of Coal India Ltd./its subsidiaries on nomination basis to these companies.

(c): A Technical Committee constituted by Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas to address the issue of simultaneous extraction of CBM/Coal Mining has submitted its recommendations in this regard, for consideration of the Government.