

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any technological agreements have been signed with other countries for bringing clean coal technologies to India to improve the efficiency in coal production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps being taken up by the Government to promote clean coal technologies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) & (b) : No technological agreement has been signed with other countries for bringing clean coal technologies to India. However, there exists Indo-US Coal Working Group, Indo-EU Working Group on Coal and Clean Coal and India-Japan Coal Working Group under Energy dialogue with these countries/unions which meets periodically to identify the areas of technical cooperation in coal mining, regarding the advanced coal mining technologies including clean coal technologies like washing of coal, Underground Coal Gasification (UCG), Coal Bed Methane (CBM)/Coal Mine Methane (CMM) etc. adopted by the countries.

(c) : Government has taken various steps including notifying the activities under Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1974 to promote clean coal technologies like Underground Coal Gasification and surface gasification of coal, washing of coal, coal liquefaction or Coal to Liquid (CTL) as one of the end uses and to facilitate allotment of blocks to the potential entrepreneurs. Further, a separate policy for development of CBM/CMM has been put in place for extraction and exploitation of methane gas from coal seams.