

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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UNDERGROUND COAL GASIFICATION  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has identified lignite and coal blocks to be developed under the Underground Coal Gasification projects in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the criteria fixed for allotment of coal blocks for this purpose; and
- (d) the extent to which it is likely to help in the energy production needs of the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL(SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) to (c): 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. Five lignite blocks and two coal blocks of estimated reserves 950.5 Million Tonnes had been identified for offer to various companies for taking up UCG projects as per the amended provisions of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act and the Rules there under. The State-wise details of these blocks are given below :-

S. No.	Category	Name of Block	State	Estimated Reserves (in Million Tonnes)
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1.	Coal	Yellandu (Dip Side)	Andhra Pradesh	43.50
2.	Coal	Bandha	Madhya Pradesh	200.00
3.	Lignite	Sindhari West	Rajasthan	279.00
4.	Lignite	Chokla North	Rajasthan	211.00
5.	Lignite	Nimbalkot	Rajasthan	50.00
6.	Lignite	Nagurda	Rajasthan	80.00
7.	Lignite	Dungra	Gujarat	87.00
		Total		950.50

(d) : Since the UCG Technology has been tried only recently, it is not be possible to assess its contributions to energy needs of the country at this stage.