

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN COAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether two Australian and many other foreign mining companies have shown interest in developing coal mines for Coal India Limited (CIL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the names of such foreign companies and CIL and its subsidiaries participating with them and the details of the coal field projects to be developed along with the estimated production of coal on account of this joint venture; and
- (c) the present status of these projects?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Two Australian companies namely Leighton Welspun Contractors Pvt. Ltd., part of Leighton Group; and Theiss India Pvt. Ltd., subsidiary of Theiss Pty. Ltd., Australia, participated in discussions & provided comments on Draft Request of qualification (RFQ) document for selection of Mine Developer and Operator (MDO) for Opencast Mines (OC) of Coal India Limited (CIL)

In addition, the following foreign companies have become successful in the Global Bids floated for developing Underground (UG) Mines in different subsidiaries of CIL:

BBB, British company, have joined with AMR, Hyderabad and will be working in Kapuria UG Project, Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) for an annual output of 2.0 Mty.

BHEC, China, have joined with MINOP Innovative Company, Kolkata and will be working in Muraidih UG Project, BCCL for an annual output of 2.0 Mty.

Bucyrus, British company, have joined with INDU, Hyderabad & Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) to work in Moonidih UG Project, BCCL for an annual output of 2.5 Mty.

CODCO, a Chinese company, for working Jhanjra Phase II Longwall Mine of 1.70 Mty.

(c) Project report for Muraidih UG mine has been finalized while Draft project reports have been prepared for Kapuria and Moonidih UG Mines. In respect to Jhanjra UG mine of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL), contract has been signed in January 2013.