

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1330
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2013
UPGRADED MINE TECHNOLOGY
Tandon Annu

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering special schemes and measures to improve the technology used in the mines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to involve foreign countries and private companies in upgrading the existing mines; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a)to(d): Coal India Limited (CIL) has adopted modern technologies for coal mining. It has proposed to further modernize mining operations in its mines. For this purpose, a Committee has been constituted to look after the issues for Technology up-gradation and Modernization of CIL through hiring of International Consultants.

An Expression of Interest (Eoi) was floated in the websites of Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited (CMPDI), Coal India Ltd. and Ministry of Coal for inviting proposals from International Consultancy Firms / Organizations for Technology Development and Modernization of Mines of CIL.

Altogether, Fourteen (14) International Consultancy Firms / Organizations having experience in consultancy services for coal mining activities responded. Examination of these responses has not been completed.