

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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COAL GASIFICATION

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the extent of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) gas embedded in the coal mines in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has awarded 33 blocks for extraction of CBM gas by inviting bids and two blocks have already entered into commercial production;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the blocks which have entered into commercial production;
- (d) whether the Government has also notified coal gasification and coal liquefaction as end uses under captive mining policy; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBABU PATIL)

(a) to (c): A total of 33 CBM Blocks have been awarded under 4 rounds of CBM Bidding, out of which 3 blocks have since been relinquished. 9.9 TCF of CBM gas in-place has been established in 8 blocks so far. In one block namely, Raniganj South in West Bengal, commercial gas production started in 2007 and the current gas production is of the order of 0.25MMSCMD.

(d) and (e): Ministry of Coal (MoC) has issued Gazette Notification No.868 dt.12th July 2007 wherein the production of syngas obtained through coal gasification (Underground and Surface) and coal liquefaction has been specified to be end uses for the purposes of Coal Mines Nationalization Act.

State	Subsidiary	Washery of commissioning	Capacity (Mty)	Type	Scheme	Anticipated year
West Bengal	ECL Chitra	2.5	Non-coking	BOM	2017-18	
Jharkhand	BCCL Madhuband	5.0	Coking	BOM	2014-15	
	BCCL Patherdih	5.0	Coking	BOM	2014-15	
	BCCL Patherdih	2.5	Coking	BOM	2016-17	
	BCCL Bhojudih	2.0	Non-coking	BOM	2016-17	
	BCCL Dugda	2.5	Coking	BOM	2016-17	
	BCCL Dahibari	1.6	Non-Coking	BOM	2015-16	
Jharkhand	CCL Ashoka	10.0	Non-coking	BOM	2015-16	
	CCL New Piparwar	3.5	Non-coking	TURNKEY		
	CCL Karo	2.5	Non-coking	BOM	2017-18	
	CCL Konar	3.5	Non-coking	BOM	2017-18	
	CCL Dhorri	2.5	Coking	TURNKEY		
Chattisgarh	SECL Kusmunda	10.0	Non-coking	BOM		
	SECL Baroud	5.0	Non-coking	BOM	2017-18	
Orissa	MCL Basundhara	10.0	Non-coking	BOM	2016-17	
	MCL Jagannath	10.0	Non-coking	BOM	2017-18	
	MCL Hingula	10.0	Non-coking	BOM	2016-17	
	MCL IB Valley	10.0	Non-coking	BOM		
Maharashtra	WCL Kolarpimpri	5.0	Non-coking	BOM		
	TOTAL		111.1			