

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6167  
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COALBED METHANE  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to fund for promotional regional exploration for generating coalbed methane specific data for enhancing the coalbed methane;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
(SHRI PYUSH GOYAL)

Reply (a to c): Coal bed Methane specific data are being generated in selected boreholes being drilled under Promotional Regional Exploration funding with an objective to enhance the coalbed methane resource. CMPDI has so far carried out studies in 75 boreholes located in different coal and Lignite fields since 10th Plan period. In addition GSI has carried out Coalbed Methane related studies in 31 no of boreholes being drilled as a part of regional exploration by GSI. The funds for the aforesaid studies are being provided by Ministry of Coal under Promotional Regional Exploration Plan scheme. CMDPI is now carrying out data generation through the in house facility created in CMPDI partly through funds provided under Promotional Regional Exploration.

| Period          | No.of Boreholes in<br>which Studies Carried<br>out by CMPDI & GSI | Total |
|-----------------|---|-------|
| X Plan Period   | 21 -  | 21    |
| XI Plan Period  | 30 20   | 50    |
| XII Plan Period | 24 11   | 35    |
| Total           | 75 31   | 106   |