

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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MANUFACTURING OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS BY CIL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) is planning to enter into Manufacturing of Chemicals and Fertilizers business by utilizing its own coal gas and other products, which are available through coal gasification process and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any agreement has been signed with Singareni Collieries for development of Surface Coal Gasification Projects in the State of Telangana; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed amongst Rashtriya Chemical & Fertilizers Ltd (RCFL), Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd (FCIL), GAIL (India) Ltd. and Coal India Ltd. (CIL) for revival of the Talcher unit of FCIL to agree in principle to set up a plant for manufacturing Urea & Ammonium Nitrate at the site of Talcher Unit of FCIL. The process of identification of suitable available technology and thereafter preparation of a Detailed Feasibility Report has not been completed.

(b)&(c): Singareni Collieries Company Ltd (SCCL) has signed MoU with M/s Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC) for taking up Underground Coal Gasification (UCG), Surface Coal Gasification (SCG) and Coal Bed Methane (CBM) on 15.04.2006. The same was further renewed for 5 more years on 18.07.2011. Through this MoU, SCCL and ONGC intend to cooperate in the Service, Operation, Process development and Research related to UCG, SCG and CBM in the Coal bearing states of India. Under this MOU, it has been proposed to setup IGCC (Integrated Gas Combined Cycle) Power Plant at Srirampur area and to produce different chemicals, fertilizer by using coal of Chennur mines of SCCL. The "Techno-economic feasibility Study" for this project is prepared by PDIL, New Delhi.