

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3095  
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PRODUCTION OF GAS AND SYNGAS  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to produce gas and syngas from underground coal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has given contract to any company for generating energy from coal layer through underground coal gasification;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the State-wise details of the places identified for the said purpose?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) A draft Policy is under formulation for development of Underground Coal Gasification from unexplored coal and lignite bearing areas in the country. Further, production of syngas through Coal Gasification (Underground and Surface) and coal liquefaction have been notified as end uses for the purpose of Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 and Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.

(e) Two coal blocks and 5 lignite blocks have been identified for offer for development of UCG whose details are as follows:

1.Coal Blocks

i.Yellendu(Dip Side)-SCCL, Telangana

ii.Bandha-Singrauli Main Basin, M.P.

2.Lignite Blocks

i.Sindhari West, Barmer,Rajasthan

ii.Chokla North,Barmer,Rajasthan

iii.Nimbalkot, Barmer,Rajasthan

iv.Nagurda, Barmer,Rajasthan

v.Dungra, Surat,Gujarat

In addition to above, Vastan Lignite Block in Gujarat has been identified for UCG purpose for offer to Government companies in Gujarat and the applications for the same have been invited.

Other than the above, Coal India Ltd (CIL) is also contemplating to develop UCG projects within its command area. Two such blocks namely Kaitha in Ramgarh Coalfield in Central Coalfields Limited, Jharkhand and Thesgora "C" in PENCH-KANHAN Coalfield in Western Coalfields Limited, Madhya Pradesh have been identified for taking up UCG Action is being taken for commercial development of UCG in the aforesaid identified blocks by CIL.