

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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SELLING OF GAS AT MARKET PRICE
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has decided to allow global explorers to sell the gas from their operations at market price to promote Underground Coal Gasification (UCG);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to throw open about 33000 sq.km. of coal and lignite bearing areas in the country to international exploration companies to be short-listed through global tenders;
- (d) if so, the details of the procedure to be followed to select the allottees against offers to be received against the global tenders; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government to ensure uninterrupted flow of investment in various stages of exploration?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
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(a) to (e): A draft Policy is under formulation for development of Underground Coal Gasification from unexplored coal and lignite bearing areas in the country wherein all these issues will be addressed.