

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1203
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GAS RESERVES IN COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government has an estimate of the quantity of gas reserves in coal mines;
- (b) if so, the production of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) gas from coal mines during the last three years and the current year, block-wise;
- (c) whether the Government plans to allow Coal India Limited to produce gas from their coal blocks and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the methodology used for pricing of such gas and the revenue sharing model with the Government; and
- (e) the impact of production of CBM gas from these coal blocks on the total natural gas production in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): Ministry of Coal has informed that Government does not have an estimation of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) gas resources in coal mine.

(b): The production of CBM gas from the awarded CBM blocks during the last three years and the current year (up to 31.10.2014) is as follows:

Year CBM gas production (MMSCM)

2011-12 84.19

2012-13 107.24

2013-14 165.52

2014-15 123.01

(31.10.2014)

MMSCM: Million Standard Cubic Meters

(c): Yes Sir.

(d): The Government has notified New Domestic Natural Gas Pricing Guidelines- 2014 which has become effect from 1st November, 2014. These guidelines are applicable to all natural gas including CBM. Operator of CBM block will be required to pay Royalty and requisite fees, levies and taxes as applicable from time to time to State/Central Government at the prevailing rates.

(e): The CBM production from the awarded CBM blocks is expected to reach to the level of 4.0 MMSCMD by 2016-17.