

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF COAL**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**QUESTION NO 21.12.2009**

**ANSWERED ON**

**GREENFIELD UREA PROJECT IN WEST BENGAL .**

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether any private group is going ahead with its Greenfield Urea Project in West Bengal with Coal Bed Methane (CBM) from Essar's Raniganj CBM Block;
- (b) whether it is a fact that requisite land for the purpose has been identified and allocated in the nearby area by West Bengal Government;
- (c) whether a meeting was held between the top officials of Department of Fertilizers and the group on policy issues concerning the project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): As per the information received from Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Department of Fertilizers, M/s Matrix Fertilizers and Chemical Limited (MFCL), a Matrix Group Company has proposed for setting up of a Greenfield Gas Based Ammonia-Urea project in Burdwan District, West Bengal, based on Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Gas which will be supplied to them by Essar Oil Limited's Raniganj CBM block. The company has informed that the land has been identified by the Government of West Bengal.

(c) & (d): The representatives of company met the senior official of Department of Fertilizers and forwarded suggestions for amendments in the New Investment Policy for urea manufacturing units, notified by the Department of Fertilizers on 4th September, 2008.