

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 42
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2024

Utilization of non-functional coal mines for gasification

42. Dr. Fauzia Khan:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to utilize non-functional coal mines in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra for coal gasification projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including timelines if any, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government is considering any incentives, policy support, or collaboration with private players to expedite coal gasification in regions with stranded coal assets?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): It has been proposed to set up Surface coal gasification (Coal to SNG) plant at non-functional coal mines viz. Chargaon and Juna Kunada, Majri Area, Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra.

(c): Government has launched incentives and policy support to expedite coal/lignite gasification as under:

(i) Financial Incentive Scheme: Government launched a scheme with an outlay of Rs 8,500 crore as financial assistance for promoting coal/lignite gasification projects.

(ii) Policy initiatives to support coal gasification projects:

- a. In commercial coal block auctions, there is a provision for 50% rebate in revenue share for the coal to be used for gasification purposes.
- b. For coal availability to Surface Coal Gasification projects, a sub-sector “Production of Syngas leading to coal gasification” has been created under the Non-Regulated Sectors (NRS) coal linkage auction.
