

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2750
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

DIVERSIFICATION IN COAL MINING

2750. SHRI RAMESWAR TELI:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) the major diversification initiatives taken by coal companies to reduce dependence on coal mining;
- (b) Whether any of these companies have acquired non-coal mineral blocks;
- (c) If so, the details thereof;
- (d) Whether there are any plans to acquire critical mineral blocks at domestic or international level; and
- (e) if so, the current status of such efforts?

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

(a): The major diversification initiatives taken by coal companies to reduce dependence on coal mining are as under -

- (i) Setting up of Coal/Lignite Gasification projects
- (ii) Setting up of Thermal Power Plants and Pumped Storage Projects
- (iii) Exploration and development of critical minerals
- (iv) Setting up of Renewable Energy projects

(b) & (c): Coal India Limited (CIL) has secured two non-coal mineral blocks - (i) Khattali Chhoti Graphite Block in Alirajpur, Madhya Pradesh, and (ii) Oranga-Revatipur Graphite and Vanadium Block in Balrampur, Chhattisgarh.

NLC India Limited (NLCIL) has been declared successful bidder for two non-coal mineral blocks - (i) Semhardih Phosphorite and Limestone Block, Chhattisgarh, and (ii) Raipura Phosphorite and Limestone Block, Chhattisgarh

(d) & (e): Coal PSUs participate in auctions for critical mineral acquisition assets, both domestically and internationally. They have also approached agencies in different parts of the world directly to acquire such minerals. They have also signed MOUs with foreign as well as domestic institutions as part of efforts to secure critical mineral blocks.
