

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2847
ANSWERED ON – 18/08/2025

COAL BED METHANE BID OUTCOME IN WEST BENGAL

2847 SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether bids were received and Coal Bed Methane (CBM) concession agreements signed, for the CBM blocks in the State of West Bengal offered in the 2025 for auction;
- (b) the names of companies awarded and the timelines for exploration and production; and
- (c) the expected volume of coal bed methane output targeted from these blocks during the next three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) to (c): Government have launched Special Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Bid Round 2025 on 15th April, 2025 offering 03 CBM blocks spanning across 519 Square Kilometers area. Out of these 03 blocks, 02 blocks cumulatively measuring 330 Sq KM area fall in West Bengal. As per Geoscientific and Technical Data Dossier SCBM 2025 prepared by Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH), the CBM Resource potential for West Bengal is 48.48 Billion Cubic Meter (BCM). Bids are currently open and bid submission has not been closed so far.
