

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2513
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY, 2017

COAL BED METHANE

2513. SHRI P. KUMAR

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

(a) whether the Government extracts coal bed methane from coal mines and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there has been any delay in auction of coal blocks resulting in wastage of Coal Bed Methane and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान) (स्वतन्त्र प्रभार)
MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): In order to exploit Coal Bed Methane (CBM) potential in the country, the Government formulated CBM policy in 1997. Under CBM policy, 33 exploration blocks were awarded, out of these, currently 14 blocks are operational, 15 blocks are under relinquishment and 4 blocks have been relinquished. Out of 14 operational blocks 5 blocks are under production/incidental production. The details of CBM production during last three years and current year is as under:

(MMSCM)

Block/Field	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (till June-2017)
RANIGANJ EAST	91.331	236.499	385.471	85.464
RANIGUNJ SOUTH	132.351	152.924	169.596	49.856
SOHAGPUR WEST	1.506	1.382	6.352	8.590
JHARIA*	2.479	2.040	3.083	1.039
SOHAGPUR EAST*	0.572	0.023	0.087	0.002
Grand Total	228.239	392.869	564.589	144.952

* Incidental Production

(b): CBM in the coal remains intact in adsorbed state. No CBM wastage is stipulated as CBM blocks were undisturbed by either coal mining or any other operation leading to its escape.
