

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

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Extraction of Coal Bed Methane

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Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of extraction of coal bed methane in various coal mines located in the country and the challenges being faced by the Government for its extraction; and
- (b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to deal with the said challenges?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) & (b): At present, Coal Bed Methane (CBM) is not produced from any working/ operational coal mines in the country. Government of India had formulated a policy in 1997 to extract Coal Bed Methane (CBM) from coal-bearing areas prior to the mining of coal and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was also signed between the Ministry of Coal and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, to act in a cooperative manner for the development of CBM.
