

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2831
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2025**

Operationalisation of Coal Block in West Bengal

2831. Shri Jagannath Sarkar:

Will the Minister of **COAL** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delay in operationalising the Deucha Pachami coal block by the Government of West Bengal has impacted the State's energy and economic growth and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for the non-operationalisation of the Deucha Pachami coal block despite its significant potential for addressing the Country's coal requirements;

(c) whether the Government has provided any assistance or guidelines to the State Government to expedite the project and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the estimated economic and employment benefits that could be realized from the operationalisation of the Deucha Pachami coal block; and

(e) the measures being considered by the Union Government to ensure timely utilisation of this national asset including potential involvement of Central PSUs or private stakeholders?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The Scheduled date for operationalization of Deocha Pachami Coal Block located in West Bengal is 27.09.2027. There is no delay as of now in the operationalization of the block.

(c) Yes, Sir. For development of coal blocks as per schedule, progress is being monitored on regular basis through meetings in the presence of all stakeholders. Further, to assist the coal blocks allocattees for timely development of coal blocks a Project Management Unit has also been engaged by the Ministry.

(d) The Coal block, once fully operationalized has the potential to generate direct and indirect employment for around 1 lakh people and to economically transform not just the district or the adjoining areas but also the entire region through an economic multiplier effect.

(e) The coal block has been allocated to WBPDCCL by the Ministry of Coal, for development as per schedule and for utilization of coal in its captive power plants to meet the growing energy demands of the state of West Bengal. For development of coal blocks as per schedule, progress is being monitored on regular basis through meetings in presence of all stakeholders. Further, to assist coal blocks allocattees a Project Management Unit has also been engaged by the Ministry which guides the project proponent at every stage.
