

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 4453
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025

DIVERSIFICATION INITIATIVES BY COAL COMPANIES

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Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) the major diversification initiatives taken by the coal companies to reduce dependence on coal mining;
- (b) whether any of the said companies have acquired non-coal mineral blocks;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there are any plans to acquire important mineral blocks domestically or internationally;
- (e) if so, the current status of the said efforts; and
- (f) the efforts made by the coal companies in this regard in Singrauli district?

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 or 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): PSUs under Ministry of Coal 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.

(f): Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited (CMPDI) is doing Exploration of the non-coal minerals through National Mineral Exploration Trust funding (NMET) for diversification. CMPDI has completed one R&D project for the analysis of the concentration of Rare Earth Elements (REE) in coal in the Singrauli Coalfield.
