

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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SULPHUR IN LIQUID ENERGY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation has launched any scheme to convert high quantity sulphur in liquid energy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the company has find out the areas in the country where such type of coal is available;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to increase such initiatives in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) : The R&D Centre of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has initiated setting up laboratory infrastructure facilities for Indian coal gasification and liquefaction studies.

However, IOC has not so far launched any project for commercial coal (high or low sulphur) conversion.

(e) NTPC-BHEL is implementing a 125 MW Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) demonstration project on coal gasification at Auraiya, Uttar Pradesh, based on low sulphur coal.