

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

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COAL GASIFICATION PROJECT

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

- (a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has initiated talks with British Petro PLC for setting up Coal Gasification Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether ONGC has also in the past initiated talks with the Coal India Ltd. for setting up a Coal Gasification Project jointly; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) & (d):- ONGC has signed an MOU with Coal India Ltd on 3.11.05 at Delhi for taking up a joint project on Underground Coal Gasification (UCG). Through this MOU, CIL and ONGC intend to cooperate in the Service, Operation, Process development and Research related to UCG in the coal-bearing States of India.