

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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CONVERSION OF GAS BASED UNITS INTO NATURAL GAS LNG BASED UNITS

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Coal Bed Methane (CBM) and coal can be alternative feedstocks for those gas based units which do not get adequate gas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c) Coal-bed Methane (CBM) and coal may not be the alternative feedstock for the existing gas-based units which do not get adequate gas, as mostly these gas-based plants are located along the HBJ pipeline and as such are not in the vicinity of CBM and Coal fields.

However, for new plants near the coal pithead, CBM and coal can be the alternative feedstock for manufacturing ammonia and urea. Under New pricing Scheme Stage-III for urea units, notified on 8th March 2007 which is effective from 1st October 2006 Government has recognized coal and CBM as an alternative feedstock for production of ammonia and urea.