

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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Production of Gases

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

- (a) whether any gases are being produced as Bi-product at coal mining areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of all such gases with their respective areas of production;
- (c) the quality of such gases produced during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the use of these gases and the revenue generated during the said period;
- (e) whether any hazardous gases are also being found; and
- (f) if so the details of those gases and the step taken to prevent any problems which may arise due to those gases?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): No Sir. However as per the Coal Bed Methane Policy (CBM), Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG) through Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) had offered 33 coal blocks for exploration and exploitation of CBM from the virgin coal bearing area as main product. Out of these 8 blocks have reached development stage and one block has entered into commercial production of CBM and 4 blocks are producing incidental CBM. As reported by MoPNG, the current level of production of CBM is 1.07 metric million standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD).

(b) to (d): Do not arise in view of reply (a) above

(e) & (f): The gases like methane, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen etc. are found in the underground coal mines. These gases are diluted below the maximum permissible limit by means of mechanical ventilation and other measures as provided in Coal Mines Regulation, 1957.

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