



Ministry of Coal Invites Applications under the ₹37,500 Crore Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal/Lignite Gasification Projects

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The Ministry of Coal is inviting applications under the Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal/Lignite Gasification Projects, approved by the Government on 13 May 2026 with a total financial outlay of ₹37,500 crore.

The Scheme is a major initiative aimed at promoting Surface Coal/Lignite Gasification Projects thereby enhancing value addition, reducing import dependence, and supporting India's vision of achieving greater self-reliance in the energy and chemical sectors.

Subsequent to the approval of the Scheme, the **Scheme Guidelines** were issued on **25 June 2026**, followed by the publication of the **Request for Proposal (RFP)** on **7 July 2026**, inviting eligible applicants to submit proposals.

To facilitate stakeholder participation and provide clarity on the Scheme provisions and the application process, the Ministry will hold a **Pre-Application Conference** on **20 July 2026**. Prospective applicants and other stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the conference and submit their queries for clarification.

The last date for submission of applications is 7 September 2026.

The **Scheme Guidelines**, **Request for Proposal (RFP)**, and the detailed **Application Timeline** are available on the **Ministry of Coal website**. Interested entities are encouraged to review the documents.

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