

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 21.12.2009
ANSWERED ON
ALLOTMENT AUCTION OF COAL BLOCKS

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the allotment of coal blocks is affecting the economy in the scale of production;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to discourage the same;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government's move to auction coal blocks has been strongly opposed; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): The allocation of coal blocks contributes to the economic growth of the country, by helping the industrial sector to become self-reliant in coal, which is an important raw material required for generation of power, production of iron & steel, cement etc.

(c) & (d): Comprehensive consultations were held with the stakeholders before the proposal was finalized. Majority of the coal/lignite bearing State Governments and also other stakeholders have supported the proposal.