

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF COAL**

**RAJYA SABHA**

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**ANSWERED ON**

**ALLOCATION OF COAL BLOCKS IN NER**

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Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :-

- (a) the details of proposals for allocation of coal blocks in the North Eastern Region during the last three years;
- (b) the proposals cleared during the above period, State-wise and those pending at present; and
- (c) by when these are likely to be cleared?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL

(SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) & (b): During the last three years, the Government have not identified and earmarked coal blocks for allocation. Hence no applications were invited by the Government. However, requests from State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Assam, Sikkim and Mizoram have been received.

As there were no coal blocks available for allocation, the requests of State Governments could not be entertained.

(c) :Allocation of coal blocks is an on-going process and as and when the coal blocks are identified and earmarked for allocation, the same are considered for allocation.