

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1962
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023**

MDO operated coal blocks

1962. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

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

- (a) the number of coal blocks which are being operated by Mine Developer and Operators (MDOs) over the last five years and the reasons for this outsourcing becoming popular;
- (b) details of the MDOs that are operating such blocks at present and their owners;
- (c) the blocks that are being run by them and their lessees;
- (d) whether MDO operated blocks had or have ecological issues and for which orders were issued from tribunals and other forest and environmental bodies; and
- (e) the coal block auctions that came up for CAG strictures for irregularities after 2014 and the stand of Government thereon?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COAL, MINES & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
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(a) to (c) Allocattees of 39 coal blocks have appointed Mine Developer and Operators (MDO) since last 5 years. Details of MDOs operating such coal blocks at present and their owners is enclosed as **Annexure 1**. Ministry of Coal has no role in selection of MDO by the allocattee. While, there is no information on outsourcing mining operations to MDOs is popular, however, it may be stated that many allocattees are not having prior experience of coal mining. Therefore, are appointing MDOs to operate the coal mine more efficiently.

(d) In some of the MDO operated coal blocks, there may be ecological issues for which orders were issued from tribunals and other forest and environmental bodies.

(e) Some issues were raised by CAG on coal block auctions conducted in 2015, however, no irregularities / deviation of tender conditions have been observed and replied to CAG.

ANNEXURE-1

Details of coal blocks, State-wise, where allocattees have appointed MDOs in last five years :-

S. No.	Name of Coal Mine	State	Successful Bidder / Allottee	Name of MDO	Date of Appointment of MDO
1	Gare Palma Sector II	Chhattisgarh	Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd.	M/s. Gare Palma II Collieries Pvt. Ltd.	31/03/2021
2	Madanpur South	Chhattisgarh	APMDCL	Essel Mining Pvt Ltd	08/03/2019
3	Gare Palma IV/7	Chhattisgarh	Sarda Energy and Minerals Limited	TMC Mineral Resources Pvt Ltd	30/03/2021
4-5	Chatti Bariatu, Chatti Bariatu South	Jharkhand	NTPC	M/s Rithwik-AMR Consortium	02/10/2021
6	Kerandari	Jharkhand	NTPC	M/S BGR MINING & INFRA	01/02/2023
7	Pachhwara Central	Jharkhand	Punjab State Power Corp. Ltd.	DBL Pachwara Coal Mine Private Ltd	11/09/2018
8	Tubed	Jharkhand	Damodar Valley Corporation	Develecto Mining Limited	27/03/2018
9-10	Kotre Basantpur & Pachmo	Jharkhand	CIL	KBP Mining Pvt Ltd	26/06/2021
11	Tokisud North	Jharkhand	NMDC Ltd.	Tokisud Mining Private Limited, Hyderabad	03/12/2021
12	Brahmdiha	Jharkhand	APMDCL	Leckon-NCC Consortium	21/10/2021
13-14	Brinda & Sasai	Jharkhand	Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited	Nilkanth Infra Mining Ltd.	17/05/2023
15	Bicharpur	Madhya Pradesh	UltraTech Cement Limited	M/s TMRPL (TMC Mineral Resources Private Limited)	27/08/2021
16	Sial Ghoghri	Madhya Pradesh	Reliance Cement Company Private Limited	M/s Technoblast Mining Coporation	02/07/2018
17	Suliyari	Madhya Pradesh	APMDCL	M/s Adani Enterprises Ltd	08/03/2019
18	Amelia	Madhya Pradesh	THDC	Amelia Coal Mining Limited	30/08/2022
19-24	Baranj I, Baranj II, Baranj III,	Maharashtra	Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd	M/s Baranj Coal Mines Pvt Ltd	19/03/2021

	Baranj IV, Manora Deep & Kiloni				
25	Marki Mangli III	Maharashtra	B.S. Ispat Limited	L.B. Kunjir & Company	16/12/2022
26	Nerad Malegaon	Maharashtra	Indrajit Power Private Ltd	AMR Mining	01/07/2023
27	Utkal-A	Odisha	MCL Ltd	Shubhadra Coal Mining Pvt Ltd	17/06/2022
28- 29	Manoharpur & Manoharpur Dipside	Odisha	Odisha Coal & Power Limited	M/s BGR Mining & Infra Ltd	31/08/2018
30- 31	Utkal-E, Utkal-D	Odisha	NALCO	Consortium of M/s AMR & M/s Mythri Infrastructure & Mining India Pvt. Ltd.	11/02/2022
32	Talabira-II & III	Odisha	NLC	Talabira (Odisha) Mining Private Ltd	23/03/2018
33	Jamkhani	Odisha	Vedanta Ltd	BGR Mining and Infra Limited	10/02/2022
34	Radhikapur West	Odisha	Vedanta Ltd	Narayani Sons India Private Limited	15/03/2023
35	Kuraloi (A) North	Odisha	Vedanta Ltd	Narayani Sons India Private Limited	31/05/2023
36- 37	Tara East & West	West Bengal	West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited	Tara Coal Mining Pvt Ltd	03/03/2023
38	Trans Damodar	West Bengal	The Durgapur Projects Limited	Transdamodar Mining Pvt Ltd	14/12/2018
39	Gourangdih ABC	West Bengal	West Bengal Mineral Development Corporation Limited	M/S Gourangdih Mining Pvt Ltd	14/01/2022
