

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 751**  
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025

**AUCTION OF IRON ORE BLOCKS**

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of iron ore blocks across the country that have been auctioned by Government between the period 2020 till date;
- (b) the number of these auctioned iron ore blocks or mines operational as on date; and
- (c) the average monthly auction premium (in percentage) paid by companies to Government for iron ore mining blocks that have been auctioned by Government between the period 2020 till date?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020, 98 blocks of iron ore have been successfully auctioned across the country, out of which currently 21 blocks are operational.

(c): The bid premium quoted by the successful bidders for these 21 operational iron ore blocks, auctioned since January 1, 2020, ranges from 26% to 154%, with an average bid premium of 102.85%.

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