

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 67
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025**

COAL BLOCKS IN ECO-SENSITIVE ZONES

67 SMT. RANJEET RANJAN:

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

- (a) whether any of the coal blocks auctioned by Government since 2014 are located in eco-sensitive zones, forest areas, or wildlife corridors;
- (b) if so, the number and names of such blocks, and whether environmental and forest clearances were obtained prior to allocation;
- (c) whether Government has considered the long-term ecological risks and biodiversity loss associated with mining in such regions; and
- (d) whether Government is working in consultation with other departments to balance coal extraction targets with country clean energy transition goals, including the scaling up of renewable or non-emissive alternatives in these regions ?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COAL & MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a) & (b) None of the coal blocks auctioned by the Government since 2014 are located within notified Eco-Sensitive Zones or Wildlife Corridors. However, several of the auctioned coal blocks fall within areas having forest cover. A list of auctioned coal blocks is enclosed at ***Annexure - I.***

Further, it is to state that the responsibility to obtain all necessary statutory clearances, including Environmental Clearance (EC) and Forest Clearance (FC), lies with the allottee after the allocation of the coal block. However, in accordance with the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015, clearances (including EC and FC), if available, are vested in favour of the allottee.

(c) Yes, the Government undertakes a comprehensive evaluation of long-term ecological risks and potential biodiversity loss before permitting mining operations in sensitive areas.

(d) Yes, the Ministry of Coal is working in close coordination with relevant Ministries and Departments, including the Ministry of Power, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), NITI Aayog, and Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), to ensure a balanced approach towards energy security and clean energy transition.

<p style="text-align: center;">Annexure-I – List of auctioned coal blocks along with the estimated percentage of green cover</p>			
S. No	Name of Coal Mine	State	Vesting date
1	Alaknanda	Odisha	12-12-2022
2	Amelia North	Madhya Pradesh	23-03-2015
3	Arjuni East	Madhya Pradesh	08-06-2023
4	Arjuni West	Madhya Pradesh	08-06-2023
5	Babupara East	Jharkhand	01-08-2024
6	Baisi	Chhattisgarh	01-08-2024
7	Baitarni West	Odisha	08-06-2023
8-9	Banai & Bhalumunda	Chhattisgarh	29-05-2025
10	Bandha	Madhya Pradesh	03-03-2021
11	Bandha North	Madhya Pradesh	12-12-2022
12	Bankhui	Odisha	10-10-2022
13	Barra	Chhattisgarh	12-12-2022
14	Bartap(Revised)	Odisha	04-02-2025
15	Basantpur	Jharkhand	12-12-2022
16	Beheraband North Ext.	Madhya Pradesh	10-10-2022
17	Belgaon	Maharashtra	23-03-2015
18	Bhandak West	Maharashtra	25-06-2025
19	Bhaskarpara	Chhattisgarh	18-11-2021
20	Bhivkund	Maharashtra	18-11-2021
21	Bicharpur	Madhya Pradesh	23-03-2015
22	Bijahan	Odisha	10-10-2022
23	Bikram	Madhya Pradesh	10-02-2020
24	Binja	Jharkhand	08-06-2023
25	Binodpur Bhabhaniganj	West Bengal	01-08-2024
26	Brahampur	Madhya Pradesh	10-02-2020
27	Brahmdiha	Jharkhand	02-03-2021
28-29	Brinda & Sasai	Jharkhand	10-10-2022
30	Bundu	Jharkhand	04-02-2025
31	Burakhap Small Patch	Jharkhand	08-06-2023
32	Burapahar	Odisha	08-06-2023
33	Chakla	Jharkhand	03-03-2021
34	Chendipada (Revised)	Odisha	08-06-2023
35	Choritand Tiliaya	Jharkhand	08-06-2023
36	Chotia	Chhattisgarh	23-03-2015
37	Dahegaon/Makardhokra-IV	Maharashtra	29-05-2025
38	Dahegaon-Gowari	Maharashtra	08-06-2023

39	Datima	Chhattisgarh	08-06-2023
40	Dhiraoli	Madhya Pradesh	03-03-2021
41	Dumri	Jharkhand	01-08-2024
42	Duni Central	Jharkhand	01-08-2024
43	Ganeshpur	Jharkhand	22-04-2015
44	Garampani	Assam	10-10-2022
45	Gare Palma IV/1	Chhattisgarh	08-03-2021
46- 47	Gare Palma IV/2 and Gare Palma IV/3	Chhattisgarh	02-05-2023
48	Gare Palma IV/4	Chhattisgarh	23-03-2015
49	Gare Palma IV/5	Chhattisgarh	04-02-2025
50	Gare Palma IV/6	Chhattisgarh	10-10-2022
51	Gare Palma IV/7	Chhattisgarh	08-03-2021
52	Gare Palma Sector IV/8	Chhattisgarh	22-04-2015
53	Gare Palma Sector-I	Chhattisgarh	08-06-2023
54	Gawa (East)	Jharkhand	04-02-2025
55- 56	Ghogharpalli & Its dip extension	Odisha	10-06-2024
57	Gonbahera Ujheni East	Madhya Pradesh	10-10-2022
58	Gondbahera Ujheni	Madhya Pradesh	08-06-2023
59	Gondkhari	Maharashtra	18-11-2021
60	Gondulpara	Jharkhand	08-03-2021
61- 62	Gotitoria (East) & (West)	Madhya Pradesh	18-11-2021
63	Jaganathpur B	West Bengal	13-02-2020
64	Jamkhani	Odisha	10-02-2020
65	Jhigador	Chhattisgarh	18-11-2021
66	Jitpur	Jharkhand	17-01-2023
67	Jogeshwar & Khas Jogeswar	Jharkhand	18-11-2021
68	Kagra Joydev	West Bengal	08-06-2023
69	Kalambi Kalmeshwar (Western Part)	Maharashtra	16-06-2023
70	Kasta East	West Bengal	12-12-2022
71	Kathautia	Jharkhand	23-03-2015
72	Kerendari-BC North	Jharkhand	04-02-2025
73	Khargaon	Chhattisgarh	18-11-2021
74	Koilajan	Assam	10-10-2022
75	Kudanali Lubri	Odisha	05-09-2024
76	Kuraloi (A) North	Odisha	03-09-2021
77	Lalgarh South	Jharkhand	01-08-2024
78	Lamatola	Madhya Pradesh	01-08-2024
79	Lohari	Jharkhand	22-04-2015
80	Machhakata(Revised)	Odisha	05-09-2024

81	Mahan	Madhya Pradesh	
82	Maiki North	Madhya Pradesh	12-12-2022
83	Mandla North	Madhya Pradesh	08-06-2023
84	Mara II Mahan	Madhya Pradesh	01-08-2024
85	Marki Barka	Madhya Pradesh	17-01-2023
86	Marki Mangli III	Maharashtra	17-04-2015
87	Marki Mangli-I	Maharashtra	30-09-2015
88	Marki Mangli-II	Maharashtra	03-03-2021
89	Marki Mangli-IV	Maharashtra	17-01-2023
90	Marki-Zari-Jamani-Adkoli	Maharashtra	29-10-2024
91	Marwatola – VI	Madhya Pradesh	08-06-2023
92	Marwatola – VII	Madhya Pradesh	08-06-2023
93	Marwatola South	Madhya Pradesh	04-02-2025
94	Marwatola-II	Madhya Pradesh	16-06-2025
95	Meenakshi	Odisha	27-12-2024
96	Meenakshi West	Odisha	14-12-2023
97	Meral	Jharkhand	22-04-2015
98	Moitra	Jharkhand	22-04-2015
99	Namchik Namphuk	Arunachal Pradesh	17-08-2023
100	Namchik West	Arunachal Pradesh	27-06-2025
101	Nerad Malegaon	Maharashtra	22-04-2015
102	New Patrapara South	Odisha	04-02-2025
103	North Dhadu (Eastern Part)	Jharkhand	14-12-2023
104	North Dhadu (Western Part)	Jharkhand	14-12-2023
105	North West of Madheri	Maharashtra	08-06-2023
106	Parbatpur Central	Jharkhand	08-06-2023
107	Patal East (Eastern Part)	Jharkhand	08-06-2023
108	Pathora East	Madhya Pradesh	14-12-2023
109	Pathora West	Madhya Pradesh	14-12-2023
110	Purunga	Chhattisgarh	08-06-2023
111	Rabodih OCP	Jharkhand	08-10-2024
112	Radhikapur West	Odisha	03-03-2021
113	Rajhara North (Central & Eastern)	Jharkhand	03-03-2021
114-115	Rampia & Dip Side of Rampia	Odisha	20-01-2025
116	Rauta Closed	Jharkhand	18-11-2021
117	Sahapur East	Madhya Pradesh	29-05-2025
118	Sahapur West	Madhya Pradesh	03-03-2021
119	Sakhigopal – B Kankili	Odisha	08-06-2023
120	Sakhigopal-B Kakurhi	Odisha	05-09-2024
121	Saradhapur Jalatap East	Odisha	29-05-2025

122	Sarai East (South)	Madhya Pradesh	04-02-2025
123	Sarisatolli	West Bengal	23-03-2015
124	Seregarha	Jharkhand	29-05-2025
125	Sherband	Chhattisgarh	14-12-2023
126	Sial Ghoghri	Madhya Pradesh	23-03-2015
127	Sitanala	Jharkhand	08-06-2023
128	South of Damuda	Jharkhand	01-08-2024
129	Takli-Jena-Bellora (North) &Takli-Jena-Bellora (South)	Maharashtra	03-03-2021
130	Talabira-I	Odisha	23-03-2015
131	Tokisud Block-II	Jharkhand	08-02-2023
132	Trans Damodar	West Bengal	23-03-2015
133	Ulia Gamhardih	Chhattisgarh	04-02-2025
134	UrmaPaharitola	Jharkhand	03-03-2021
135	Urtan	Madhya Pradesh	03-03-2021
136	Urtan North	Madhya Pradesh	03-03-2021
137- 138	Utkal B1 & B2	Odisha	10-10-2022
139	Utkal-C	Odisha	10-10-2022
140	Vijay Central	Chhattisgarh	29-05-2025
141	West of Shahdol(South)	Madhya Pradesh	01-08-2024
