Government of India Ministry of Coal Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3814 To be answered on 08.12.2016 Revenue Earned through Auction of Coal Blocks

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- the revenue earned by the Union Government and the various States through the auctioning of coal mines in the country and the percentage of share respectively;
- (b) the methodology/formula adopted to share proceeds of coal auction between Centre and the States;
- (c) the extent to which the revenue is more or less than the revenue earned during the tenure of previous Government; and
- (d) the time by which all the coal blocks are likely to be allocated through auction?

<u>ANSWER</u>

<u>MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR COAL, POWER, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY</u> <u>AND MINES</u> (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c): So far, 83 coal mines have been allocated by way of auction / allotment under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and the Rules made thereunder. Out of the 83 coal mines, 31 have been allocated through e-auction.

Revenue which would accrue to the coal bearing State Government concerned from allocation of the coal mines under the provisions of the said Act comprises of Upfront payment as prescribed in the Tender /Allotment document, Auction / Allotment proceeds and Royalty on per tonne of coal production. The revenue already generated till October, 2016 from the allocation of 83 coal mines under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 is approximately Rs. 2,779.36 crores (excluding Royalty, Cess and Taxes). Of this, Rs. 1,445 crores (approx.) have been generated through auction of 31 coal mines. The entire revenue through auction of coal mines devolves to the coal bearing State Government concerned and is being deposited with them.

As no auctions were conducted earlier for allocation of coal mines / blocks, no revenue accrued to the Exchequer on this account.

(d): Auction of coal mines is an ongoing process. Hence, no timeline has been fixed for the auction of the remaining Coal Mines.