

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2604**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2018

**SIMPLIFICATION OF AUCTION RULES**

2604. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has significantly eased the auction rules in a bid to rekindle investor interest in a process that has been marked by failed auctions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that 33 blocks of mineral have been successfully auctioned since May, 2015 after introduction of Mineral Auction Rules and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also true that as many as 60 auctions have flopped for lack of interest and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES  
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Mineral Auction Rules have been amended by the Ministry of Mines vide notification dated 30.11.2017 to make the auction process simpler and to help the States auction mineral blocks quickly. The major amendments in the rules include more flexibility to State Governments in auction process, relaxation in net worth requirement for increased participation of bidders in auction of mines, relaxation in disposal of up to twenty five percent of total mineral excavated in the previous financial year in case of mines which have been reserved for specified end use and adjustment of upfront payment in full at the earliest against the revenue share.

(c) & (d): Since the introduction of auction regime, 87 mineral blocks have been notified for auction out of which 43 mineral blocks have been successfully auctioned as on 26.07.2018 with estimated resources of Rs 1,99,782 crores. The details of the mineral blocks successfully auctioned and annulled are as under:

<b>State</b>	<b>Successful</b>	<b>Annulled</b>
Andhra Pradesh	3 Limestone Blocks	2 Limestone Blocks
Chhattisgarh	5 Blocks (4 Limestone, 1 Gold)	2 Limestone Blocks
Gujarat	3 Limestone Blocks	5 Limestone Blocks
Jharkhand	5 Blocks (2 Limestone, 2 Gold, 1 Iron Ore)	-
Karnataka	7 Iron Ore Blocks	7 Iron Ore Blocks
Madhya Pradesh	6 Blocks (3 Limestone, 1 Graphite, 1 Iron Ore, 1 Diamond)	5 Blocks (4 Limestone, 1 Bauxite)
Maharashtra	3 Blocks(1 Limestone, 1 Manganese, 1 Bauxite)	14 Blocks (4 Bauxite, 3 Limestone, 2 Iron Ore, 2 Copper, 2 Tungsten, 1 Manganese)
Odisha	5 Blocks (3 Iron Ore, 1 Manganese, 1 Limestone)	4 Limestone Blocks
Rajasthan	6 Limestone Blocks	5 Blocks (4 Limestone Blocks, 1 Copper & associated minerals)
Total	43 Blocks (23 Limestone, 12 Iron Ore, 3 Gold, 2 Manganese, 1 Graphite, 1 Bauxite, 1 Diamond)	44 Blocks (24 Limestone, 9 Iron Ore, 5 Bauxite, 2 Copper, 2 Tungsten, 1 Manganese, 1 Copper & associated minerals)

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