

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 693**  
ANSWERED ON 26.06.2019

**E-AUCTIONING OF MINES**

693. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of mines that were e-Auctioned during the current year and the previous year, State/UT wise;

(b) the total number of mines that are currently operational out of the ones that were e-auctioned during the above period;

(c) whether e-auctioning has resulted in greater transparency and higher revenue than the traditional allotment process; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINES, COAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): A total of 64 mineral blocks of major minerals have been e-auctioned by States so far. The State wise auction summary is at Annexure.

(b): 4 iron ore mines which were e-auctioned in Karnataka have been operationalized.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 instituted e-auction by competitive bidding as the default method of grant of mineral concessions of major minerals thereby eliminating discretion and increasing transparency. The estimated total revenue accruing to the State Governments over the lease period of these auctioned mines is ₹ 1,85,093 crore which includes an estimated additional auction premium of ₹ 1,44,296 crore to the State Governments.

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**Annexure****Annexure** referred to in reply to part (a) of the Unstarred Question No – 693

<b>State</b>	<b>Auctioned Blocks</b>	<b>Estimated Total Revenue over the lease period (in Cr)</b>	<b>Estimated Additional Contribution due to Auction Premium (in Cr)</b>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	5 Blocks (4 Limestone, 1 Gold)	2,869.37	1,597.31
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	5 Blocks (4 Limestone, 1 Gold)	27,193.35	22,164.61
<b>Gujarat</b>	3 Limestone Blocks	16,202.23	9,468.79
<b>Jharkhand</b>	7 Blocks (2 Limestone, 2 Gold, 2 Graphite, 1 Iron Ore)	5,635.21	4,755.53
<b>Karnataka</b>	14 Iron Ore Blocks	59,650.54	51,117.43
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	6 Blocks (3 Limestone, 1 Graphite, 1 Iron Ore, 1 Diamond)	4,266.60	3,621.21
<b>Maharashtra</b>	13 Blocks (6 Bauxite, 2 Limestone, 2 Copper, 2 Manganese, 1 Iron Ore)	4,749.90	3,562.78
<b>Odisha</b>	5 Blocks (3 Iron Ore, 1 Manganese, 1 Limestone)	31,725.80	24,922.75
<b>Rajasthan</b>	6 Limestone Blocks	32,800.07	23,085.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>64 Blocks (25 Limestone, 20 Iron Ore, 6 Bauxite, 4 Gold, 3 Graphite, 3 Manganese, 2 Copper, 1 Diamond)</b>	<b>1,85,093.06</b>	<b>1,44,296.09</b>