GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COAL LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1222 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022

Commercial Mining Through Auction

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

- (a) the details of the number of coal mines proposed by Government for commercial mining through auction, State/UT-wise?
- (b) the details of the assessment of the environmental impact carried out for each coal mine, Statewise; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that many local people are opposing the said projects along with the details of the impact of commercial mining on the local people around these coal mines?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Ministry of Coal has launched the biggest ever coal/lignite mines auction on November 03, 2022 for a total of 141 coal/lignite mines under the sixth tranche and Second attempt of the fifth tranche of commercial coal mines auction having Annual Peak Rated Capacity of 304.86 MTPA. State wise details of these blocks may be found in the **Annexure-I** enclosed.
- (b) Coal Mining operations have some impact on environment in terms of change in land use pattern, air, water and noise pollution. However, it is mandatory to get the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) approved by MoEF&CC before commencing / expanding the mining operations. A detailed environment impact assessment (EIA) is carried out considering pre and post mining operations for preparing EMPs which are discussed in detail by the Environmental Appraisal Committee (EAC) of experts under MoEF&CC. On the basis of the discussions, EAC recommends the case and accordingly Environment Clearance (EC) is granted by the MoEF&CC. It is to mention that in projects involving forest land, for grant of EC, Stage I Forest Clearance (FC) needs to be obtained prior to obtaining EC. MoEF&CC while according EC, imposes conditions / mitigation measures for implementation which project proponents have to comply. On obtaining EC, the project proponent, statutorily has to secure Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate under the provisions of Water and Air Act's from the concerned State Pollution Control Boards (SPCB). During the course of implementation of the project, the compliance of the

conditions laid in the EC is being monitored through Regional offices of MoEF&C and concerned SPCBs. Measurements of environmental quality attributes are carried as prescribed in the EP Rules and EC conditions. The report so generated is sent to regional offices of MoEF&CC and SPCB once in 6 months.

(c) There are no reports of local people opposing commercial mining.

Annexure-I

List of coal mines State wise proposed to be auctioned in the current tranche of commercial auction and 2^{nd} attempt of 5^{th} Tranche is as below:

Sl. No.	Block	State	Status of Exploration	PRC (MTY)
1	Chintalpudi Sector A1 (NW Part)	Andhra Pradesh	Explored	0.3
2	Chintalpudi Sector A1 (SE Part)	Andhra Pradesh	Explored	0.5
3	Somavaram West (Northern Part)	Andhra Pradesh	Explored	0.5
4	Somavaram West (Southern Part)	Andhra Pradesh	Explored	0.5
5	Namchik Namphuk	Arunachal Pradesh	Explored	0.2
	Mandar Parvat	Bihar	Explored	17.5
	Banai-Bhalumuda	Chhattisgarh	Explored	12
	Barapara	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	
10	Dolesara	Chhattisgarh	Explored	1.74
	Gare Palma IV/2 & IV/3	Chhattisgarh	Explored	7
	Gare-Palma, Sector-I (East)	Chhattisgarh	Explored	15
	Ghutra	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	
	Gorhi Mahaloi- Amlidhonda	Chhattisgarh	Explored	0.87
	Gorhi Mahaloi-Bijna	Chhattisgarh	Explored	0.87
	Gorhi-Mahaloi-Devgaon	Chhattisgarh	Explored	0.87
	Gorhi-Mahaloi-Kasdol	Chhattisgarh	Explored	0.87
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	Jarekela	Chhattisgarh	Explored	1.74
	Jharpalam Thangarghat	Chhattisgarh	Explored	1.74
	Jobro East	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	
	Jobro West Kartala	Chhattisgarh Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored Partially Explored	
	Meghuli	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	
	Panchbahani	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	
	Pipraul	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	
	Purunga	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	
28	Ramnagar	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	
	Reonti East	Chhattisgarh	Explored	1.5
	Reonti West	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	
	Sendur	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	
	Shankarpur Bhatgaon II Extn.	Chhattisgarh	Explored	2
	Binja Dhulia Narth	Jharkhand	Partially Explored	
	Dhulia North Dighi Dharampur North	Jharkhand Jharkhand	Explored Partially Explored	14
	Dighi Dharampur South	Jharkhand	Partially Explored	
	Gawa (Eastern Part)	Jharkhand	Partially Explored	
	Gawa (Western Part)	Jharkhand	Partially Explored	

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	Gomarpahari Siulibana	Jharkhand	Partially Explored	
40	Latehar	Jharkhand	Partially Explored	
41	Mausingha	Jharkhand	Partially Explored	
42	North Dhadu (Eastern Part)	Jharkhand	Explored	4
43	North Dhadu (Western Part)	Jharkhand	Explored	3
44	Patal East (Eastern Part)	Jharkhand	Explored	0.3
45	Pirpainti Barahat	Jharkhand	Explored	25
46	Burakhap Small Patch	Jharkhand	Explored	0.4
47	Parbatpur Central	Jharkhand	Explored	1.24
48	Arjuni (Eastern Part)	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	1.36
49	Arjuni (Western Part)	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	
50	Bamhanwara	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	
51	Barimahuli	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	
52	Chainpa	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	1
	Chopna Shaktigarh	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	
54	Dhorakuhi	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	
55	Gondbahera Ujheni	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	4.12
56	Jamui	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	1
	Jhara North	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	
58	Jhara South	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	
	Kahua Khireti Sector-A	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	
	Maiki South	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	
61	Mandla North#	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	1.5
62	Marwatola VI	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	1.5
63	Marwatola VII	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	1.5
64	Merkhi West	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	
65	Nigwani Bakeli - A	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	NA
66	Pathakhuri-Piparia (Northern Part)	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	0.36
67	Pathakhuri-Piparia (Southern Part)	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	0.36
68	Rajathari Pathakuri West	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	
69	Rajathari South	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	
70	Rawanwara North (Eastern Part)	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	0.5
71	Rawanwara North (Western Part)	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	0.5
72	Sarai East (Northern Part)	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	
73	Sarai East (Southern Part)	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	
	Thesgora-B/ Rudrapuri	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	1
	West of Shahdol	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	1.5
	Dahegaon Gowari	Maharashtra	Explored	0.5
	Dahegaon Jhunki	Maharashtra	Explored	0.5
	Dahegaon Saptadhara	Maharashtra	Explored	0.5
	Hingna Bazargaon (Central Part)	Maharashtra	Partially Explored	

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80 F	Hingna Bazargaon (Northern Part)	Maharashtra	Partially Explored	
81 F	Hingna Bazargaon (Southern Part)	Maharashtra	Partially Explored	
82 K	Kalambi Kalmeshwar (Eastern Part)	Maharashtra	Partially Explored	
		Maharashtra	Partially Explored	
	North West of Belgaon	Maharashtra	Partially Explored	
	North West of Madheri	Maharashtra	Partially Explored	
86S	Sukli	Maharashtra	Partially Explored	
87 V	West of Kiloni	Maharashtra	Explored	0.25
88 F	Baitarni West	Odisha	Explored	15
89 E	Bartap	Odisha	Partially Explored	
90 E	Brahmani (Revised)	Odisha	Partially Explored	
91 F	Burapahar	Odisha	Explored	4
920	Chendipada (Revised)	Odisha	Partially Explored	
930	Chhendipada-II (Revised)	Odisha	Partially Explored	
	Dip Extn of Belpahar	Odisha	Partially Explored	
	Dip Side of Chatabar	Odisha	Partially Explored	
96 J	adunathpur	Odisha	Partially Explored	
97 F	Kantaikoliya North	Odisha	Partially Explored	
98 F	Kardabahal-Brahmanbil	Odisha	Explored	10
99 F	Kendudihi	Odisha	Partially Explored	
100 F	Kosala West (Eastern Part)	Odisha	Explored	1
101 F	Kosala West (Western Part)	Odisha	Explored	1
102 N	Machhakata	Odisha	Explored	30
103 N	Mahanadi	Odisha	Partially Explored	
104 N	Mandakini-B	Odisha	Explored	20
105 N	New Patrapada (Southern Part)	Odisha	Partially Explored	
106N	North of Arkhapal Srirampur	Odisha	Explored	12
107 N	Nuagaon Telisahi	Odisha	Explored	20
108 F	Phuljhari East & West	Odisha	Explored	10
	Ramchandi Promotion Block (Revised)	Odisha	Explored	12
110S	Sakhigopal-B Kakurhi	Odisha	Partially Explored	
111 <i>S</i>	Sakhigopal-B Kankili	Odisha	Partially Explored	
	Saradhapur North	Odisha	Explored	6
	Sarapal Nuaparha	Odisha	Partially Explored	
	Tentuloi	Odisha	Explored	2
	Kalyan Khani Block-6	Telangana	Explored	1.23
	Sattupalli Block-III	Telangana Telangana	Explored	4
	Shravanapalli	Telangana Telangana	Explored	2
	Penagaddppa	Telangana Telangana	Explored	1.5
	Dhobbanpur	West Bengal	Partially Explored	
	aganathpur A	West Bengal West Bengal	Explored	0.6

Sl. No.	Block	State	Status of Exploration	PRC (MTY)
121	Khagra Joydev	West Bengal	Explored	3
122	Kapasdanga-Bharkata (Northern Part)	West Bengal	Partially Explored	
123	Kapasdanga-Bharkata (Southern Part)	West Bengal	Partially Explored	
124	Makhdumnagar	West Bengal	Partially Explored	
125	Salbhadra-Gomarpahari	West Bengal	Explored	8
126	Riri	Rajasthan	Explored	4
127	Bigga Abhaysinghpura	Rajasthan	Partially Explored	
128	Bapeu	Rajasthan	Partially Explored	
129	Nagurda	Rajasthan	Partially Explored	
130	Nagurda West	Rajasthan	Partially Explored	
131	East of Sethiathope	Tamilnadu	Partially Explored	
132	Michaelpatti	Tamilnadu	Partially Explored	
133	Vadaseri	Tamilnadu	Partially Explored	
134	Choritand Tilaiya	Jharkhand	Explored	0.78
135	Datima	Chhattisgarh	Explored	0.36
136	Dongrital-II	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	2.9 (Phase-I)
137	Kosar Dongargaon	Maharashtra	Explored	0.3
138	Mandla South	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	0.3
139	Sitanala	Jharkhand	Explored	0.3
140	Sondhia	Chhattisgarh	Explored	1
141	Nagurda East	Rajasthan	Partially Explored	