

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2323
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022**

Commercial Auction of Coal Mines

**2323. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently organized an investor conclave in Mumbai to boost bidder participation in the commercial auction of coal mines in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the numbers of investors shown interest thereon;
- (d) whether the Government has already launched the process for auction of 133 coal mines under sixth round of commercial auctions;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government to enhance bidders' interest and participation in these coal mines/blocks in the country?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) To promote participation in ongoing round of commercial auctions, having bid due date as 30.12.2022, Investors' Conclave was held on December 1, 2022 in Mumbai. The event was chaired by Hon'ble Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Pralhad Joshi. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Eknath Shinde was the chief guest and Hon'ble Minister of State for Coal, Mines and Railways, Shri Raosaheb Patil Danve and Hon'ble Minister of Mining for Maharashtra, Shri Dadaji Bhuse were the guests of honour.
- (c) Representatives of 74 companies participated in investor conclave held at Mumbai on December 01, 2022.

(d) Yes. Ministry of Coal has launched the auction of coal mines on November 03, 2022 for 133 coal/lignite mines under the sixth tranche of commercial coal mine auctions. Last date for submission of bid is 30.12.2022.

(e) The list of coal blocks under sixth round of commercial auction may be found as **Annexure-I**.

(f) Ministry of Coal has brought the following new policy initiatives from this round to enhance bidders participation:-

- Upfront amount has been revised from 0.25% of value of estimated geological reserves to 0.20% of value of estimated geological reserves. Further capping of upfront amount has been reduced from Rs.100cr to Rs.75 cr for coal mines having reserves of less than 200MT.
- Correspondingly, Bid Security has been reduced by 20%.
- Based on the continuous representation of the Bidders, partial relinquishment of the coal block has been allowed.
- Based on the feedback of the bidders, Ministry has undertaken the exercise for resizing of the coal blocks to make them attractive. Ministry had also put up the list of these blocks for stakeholder consultations.
- Investors Conclave has already been held in Indore, Mumbai and Bengaluru to increase the bidder participation in the coal mines.

List of coal blocks offered in sixth tranche

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
6	Mandar Parvat	Bihar	Explored	17.5
7-8	Banai-Bhalumuda	Chhattisgarh	Explored	12
9	Barapara	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	--
10	Dolesara	Chhattisgarh	Explored	1.74
11-12	Gare Palma IV/2 & IV/3	Chhattisgarh	Explored	7
13	Gare-Palma, Sector-I (East)	Chhattisgarh	Explored	15
14	Ghutra	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	--
15	Gorhi Mahaloi- Amlidhonda	Chhattisgarh	Explored	0.87
16	Gorhi Mahaloi-Bijna	Chhattisgarh	Explored	0.87
17	Gorhi-Mahaloi-Devgaon	Chhattisgarh	Explored	0.87
18	Gorhi-Mahaloi-Kasdol	Chhattisgarh	Explored	0.87
19	Jarekela	Chhattisgarh	Explored	1.74
20	Jharpalam Thangarghat	Chhattisgarh	Explored	1.74
21	Jobro East	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	--
22	Jobro West	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	--
23	Kartala	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	--
24	Meghuli	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	--
25	Panchbahani	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	--
26	Pipraul	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	--

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27	Purunga	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	--
28	Ramnagar	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	--
29	Reonti East	Chhattisgarh	Explored	1.5
30	Reonti West	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	--
31	Sendur	Chhattisgarh	Partially Explored	--
32	Shankarpur Bhatgaon II Extn.	Chhattisgarh	Explored	2
33	Binja	Jharkhand	Partially Explored	--
34	Dhulia North	Jharkhand	Explored	14
35	Dighi Dharampur North	Jharkhand	Partially Explored	--
36	Dighi Dharampur South	Jharkhand	Partially Explored	--
37	Gawa (Eastern Part)	Jharkhand	Partially Explored	--
38	Gawa (Western Part)	Jharkhand	Partially Explored	--
39	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

Sl. No.	Block	State	Status of Exploration	PRC (MTY)
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
53	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
57	Jhara North	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	--
58	Jhara South	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	--
59	Kahua Khireti Sector-A	Madhya Pradesh	Partially Explored	--
60	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	--

Sl. No.	Block	State	Status of Exploration	PRC (MTY)
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	--
74	Thesgora-B/ Rudrapuri	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	1
75	West of Shahdol	Madhya Pradesh	Explored	1.5
76	Dahegaon Gowari	Maharashtra	Explored	0.5
77	Dahegaon Jhunki	Maharashtra	Explored	0.5
78	Dahegaon Saptadhara	Maharashtra	Explored	0.5
79	Hingna Bazargaon (Central Part)	Maharashtra	Partially Explored	--
80	Hingna Bazargaon (Northern Part)	Maharashtra	Partially Explored	--
81	Hingna Bazargaon (Southern Part)	Maharashtra	Partially Explored	--
82	Kalambi Kalmeshwar (Eastern Part)	Maharashtra	Partially Explored	--
83	Kalambi Kalmeshwar (Western Part)	Maharashtra	Partially Explored	--
84	North West of Belgaon	Maharashtra	Partially Explored	--
85	North West of Madheri	Maharashtra	Partially Explored	--
86	Sukli	Maharashtra	Partially Explored	--
87	West of Kiloni	Maharashtra	Explored	0.25
88	Baitarni West	Odisha	Explored	15
89	Bartap	Odisha	Partially Explored	--
90	Brahmani (Revised)	Odisha	Partially Explored	--
91	Burapahar	Odisha	Explored	4

Sl. No.	Block	State	Status of Exploration	PRC (MTY)
92	Chendipada (Revised)	Odisha	Partially Explored	--
93	Chhendipada-II (Revised)	Odisha	Partially Explored	--
94	Dip Extn of Belpahar	Odisha	Partially Explored	--
95	Dip Side of Chatabar	Odisha	Partially Explored	--
96	Jadunathpur	Odisha	Partially Explored	--
97	Kantaikoliya North	Odisha	Partially Explored	--
98	Kardabahal-Brahmanbil	Odisha	Explored	10
99	Kendudihi	Odisha	Partially Explored	--
100	Kosala West (Eastern Part)	Odisha	Explored	1
101	Kosala West (Western Part)	Odisha	Explored	1
102	Machhakata	Odisha	Explored	30
103	Mahanadi	Odisha	Partially Explored	--
104	Mandakini-B	Odisha	Explored	20
105	New Patrapada (Southern Part)	Odisha	Partially Explored	--
106	North of Arkhupal Srirampur	Odisha	Explored	12
107	Nuagaon Telisahi	Odisha	Explored	20
108	Phuljhari East & West	Odisha	Explored	10
109	Ramchandi Promotion Block (Revised)	Odisha	Explored	12
110	Sakhigopal-B Kakurhi	Odisha	Partially Explored	--
111	Sakhigopal-B Kankili	Odisha	Partially Explored	--
112	Saradhapur North	Odisha	Explored	6
113	Sarapal Nuaparha	Odisha	Partially Explored	--
114	Tentuloi	Odisha	Explored	2

Sl. No.	Block	State	Status of Exploration	PRC (MTY)
115	Kalyan Khani Block-6	Telangana	Explored	1.23
116	Sattupalli Block-III	Telangana	Explored	4
117	Shravanapalli	Telangana	Explored	2
118	Penagaddppa	Telangana	Explored	1.5
119	Dhobbanpur	West Bengal	Partially Explored	--
120	Jaganathpur A	West Bengal	Explored	0.6
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	--
