

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 58
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2022

PROPOSALS FOR ALLOTMENT OF IRON ORE MINES

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the proposals by the State Governments including Rajasthan to the Union Government for the permission of allotment of iron ore mines during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the number of such proposals received/ sanctioned and pending during the said period;
- (c) the reasons for the pendency of the said proposals; and
- (d) the details of the special campaigns launched to explore and exploit the iron ore in the States?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and the Rules framed thereunder, permission is not required from the Central Government for auction of mineral blocks for Mining Leases (ML). However, for auction of Composite Licence (CL), previous approval is required from the Central Government for notified minerals viz. limestone, Iron Ore, Manganese and bauxite . The list of Iron Ore blocks (G4 exploration level) for which previous approval of the Central Government has been granted so far to auction the blocks as Composite Licence is attached at Annexure.

(d): The Ministry of Mines has amended MEMC Rules providing for auction of surfacial deposits of minerals blocks of limestone, Iron Ore and bauxite for Mining Lease at G3 level of exploration and composite licence at G4 level of exploration for all minerals. Accordingly, GSI has handed over five (5) G3 level reports of Iron ore and 17 G4 level reports of Iron Ore to various State Governments.

Annexure

List of G4 exploration level Iron Ore Blocks for which previous approval has been granted:

S.No.	State	Block
1	Rajasthan	Dhulkhera-Jipiya iron ore block n/v Dhulkhera, Jipiya, Bhdalikhera, Raneegpura and Arajiya, Tehsil & District Bhilwara
2	Madhya Pradesh	Shri Sanjay Kumar Mittal, Panihar, Gwalior
3		Gangotri Ispat Ltd., Barmani, Marwari Kamha, Udesa, Sidhi
4	Karnataka	SR-KA-11-Ramanadurga North -II
5	Andhra Pradesh	Addankivariipalem Prakasam District
6		Lakshmakapalle Prakasam District
7	Chhattisgarh	Baragaon Block, Narayanpur
8		Devpura Block, Rajandgoan
9		Thakurtola Block, Durg
10		Dondi Block, Balod
11		Tendubhatha Block, Rajnandgoan
12		Chhitpuri Block 1, Kabirdham
13		Chhitpuri Block 2, Kabirdham
14		Godhatoal Block, Kabirdham & Rajnandgaon