

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1598
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024**

Coal Block Auction

1598. Shri Ravindra Shukla Alias Ravi Kishan:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to bid coal blocks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any requests for allocating coal blocks to coal PSUs situated in concerned States have been received so that exploration of coal may be done at cheaper rates due to availability of technology, machinery and cheap labour with those local coal PSUs; and
- (d) if so, the hurdles being faced by the Government to allocate blocks to such coal PSUs?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a) & (b) Auction of Coal Blocks is a continuous process. As and when coal blocks are available for allocation, these are offered for auction as per present policy of Ministry of Coal under commercial mining on revenue sharing basis.

(c) Yes sir

(d) As per present policy of Government of India, all the Coal Blocks are being offered for allocation by way of auction for sale of coal. PSUs may also participate in auction of coal blocks being conducted Ministry of Coal on regular basis.
