

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1599
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024

Bidding for Coal Blocks situated in Densely Forested Areas

1599. Shri K Gopinath:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Environment Ministry, in its report of the year 2018 stated/opined against mining in 15 coal blocks due to their high biodiversity value;
- (b) if so, the opinion sought by the Ministry of Coal from Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) regarding 15 coal blocks situated in densely forested areas along with the details of the findings by the CMPDI;
- (c) the details of the bidding for the coal blocks in densely forested areas and justification given for the same; and
- (d) the results of bidding for coal blocks situated in various parts of the country till date?

ANSWER

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

- (a): Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in August, 2018 informed that 15 coal blocks fall in the area which need to be conserved and should be avoided for mining.
- (b): A meeting with Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) was held in Ministry of Coal in April, 2022 to discuss whether the aforesaid 15 coal blocks can be considered after taking out some portions that may be fragile. It was decided that it may not be possible to carve out some portion from the blocks, therefore, these 15 blocks may not be considered for allocation.
- (c): After further deliberations in the matter of allocation of these 15 coal blocks in July, 2022, it was decided to consider the coal blocks which do not fall under Sanctuaries, National Parks and ESZ (Eco-sensitive zones) for underground mining after taking up the matter with MoEF&CC. Out of the aforesaid 15 coal blocks, 5 coal blocks (Tara, Tandsi-III & Tandsi-III (Extn.), Vijay Central, Mahan and Mara II-Mahan) do not fall under any Sanctuaries/National Parks/ESZ.

Further, in a "Bio Diversity study in the entire Hasdeo-Arand Coalfield comprising of Tara, Parsa, Parsa East & Kanta Basan and Kente Extension coal blocks in Chhattisgarh" carried out by Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) in which a report was submitted to Govt. of Chhattisgarh, it was recommended that Tara coal block can be considered for mining with strict environmental safeguards including appropriate conservation measures for management of surface water and biodiversity. Considering the recommendations in the Bio diversity study report for mining in Tara Coal Block, comments of MoEF&CC were sought for allocation of Tara

coal block for mining through open cast mining and other 4 coal blocks (Tandsi-III & Tandsi-III (Extn.), Vijay Central, Mahan and Mara II-Mahan) for underground mining.

MoEF&CC in Dec, 2022 replied that all mining proposals are processed on case to case basis. Apart from other regulatory approvals like Environmental Clearance etc., in case any forest land is involved, in any particular mine, then before starting actual mining operations in the forest land, approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 must be taken by the concerned user agency.

Accordingly, 4 coal blocks namely Tara, Tandsi-III & Tandsi-III (Extn.), Mahan and Mara II-Mahan were put up for auction. For Tara coal block in Chhattisgarh, multiple bids were received in the auction process, however, pursuant to the request received from the Government of Chhattisgarh, the coal block was withdrawn from the auction process. Present status of allocation of remaining 3 coal mines is as under:

S. No.	Name of Coal mine	Name of Coal block allocattee	Status
1	Mara II Mahan	Mahan Energen Ltd	Allocated
2	Tandsi-III & Tandsi-III (Extn.)	Not yet allocated	Not auctioned.
3	Mahan	Not yet allocated	Coal mine development and production arrangement has been executed on 29.10.2024.

(d): The detail of 118 allocated coal blocks under auction route till date whose allocation are in force presently is at Annexure.

Annexure

Detail of 118 coal blocks allocated under auction route, State-wise, till date whose allocation are in force presently

S. No	Name of Coal Mine	State	District	Successful Bidder / Allottee
1	Chotia	Chhattisgarh	Korba	Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd
2	Gare Palma IV/4	Chhattisgarh	Raigarh	Hindalco Industries Ltd
3	Gare Palma Sector IV/8	Chhattisgarh	Raigarh	Ambuja Cements Ltd
4	Bhaskarpara	Chhattisgarh	Surajpur	Prakash Industries Limited
5	Gare Palma IV/7	Chhattisgarh	Raigarh	Sarda Energy and Minerals Limited
6	Gare Palma IV/1	Chhattisgarh	Raigarh	Jindal Power Limited
7	Jhigador	Chhattisgarh	Surguja	CG Natural Resources Private Ltd
8	Khargaon	Chhattisgarh	Surguja	CG Natural Resources Private Ltd
9	Gare Palma IV/6	Chhattisgarh	Raigarh	Jindal Steel and Power Limited
10	Barra	Chhattisgarh	Raigarh	Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd
11-12	Gare Palma IV/2 and Gare Palma IV/3	Chhattisgarh	Raigarh	Jindal Power Limited
13	Datima	Chhattisgarh	Surajpur	Shree Cement Limited
14	Gare Palma Sector-I	Chhattisgarh	Raigarh	Jindal Power Limited
15	Purunga	Chhattisgarh	Raigarh	CG Natural Resources Private Limited
16	Sherband	Chhattisgarh	Raigarh	Nilkanth Coal Mining Private Limited
17	Baisi	Chhattisgarh	Raigarh	Indermani Mineral India Pvt Ltd
18	Ganeshpur*	Jharkhand	Latehar	GMR Chhattisgarh Energy Limited
19	Kathautia	Jharkhand	Palamu	Hindalco Industries Ltd
20	Lohari	Jharkhand	Palamu	Araanya Mines Private Limited
21	Meral	Jharkhand	Palamu	Trimula Industries Limited
22	Moitra	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	JSW Steel Limited
23	Rajhara North (Central & Eastern)	Jharkhand	Palamu	Fairmine Carbons Private Limited
24	Gondulpara	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	Adani Enterprises Limited
25	Urma Paharitola	Jharkhand	Dumka and Pakur	Aurobindo Reality And Infrastructure Private Limited
26	Brahmdiha	Jharkhand	Giridih	Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited
27	Chakla	Jharkhand	Latehar	Hindalco Industries Ltd
28	Jogeshwar & Khas Jogeswar	Jharkhand	Ramgarh	South West Pinnacle Exploration Limited

29-30	Brinda & Sasai	Jharkhand	Chatra & Hazaribagh	Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited
31	Rauta Closed	Jharkhand	Ramgarh	Shreesatya Mine Private Limited
32	Basantpur	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	Gangaramchak Mining Pvt Ltd
33	Jitpur	Jharkhand	Pakur	Terri Mining Private Ltd
34	Tokisud Block-II	Jharkhand	Ramgarh	Twenty First Century Mining Private Limited
35	Sitanala	Jharkhand	Dhanbad	JSW Steel Limited
36	Choritand Tiliaya	Jharkhand	Bokaro	Rungta Metals Private Limited
37	Binja	Jharkhand	Ramgarh	Assam Mineral Development Corporation Limited
38	Burakhap Small Patch	Jharkhand	Ramgarh	Shreesatya Mines Private Limited
39	Parbatpur Central	Jharkhand	Bokaro	JSW Steel Limited
40	Patal East (Eastern Part)	Jharkhand	Ramgarh and Hazaribagh	RCR Steel Works Private Limited
41	North Dhadu (Eastern Part)	Jharkhand	Latehar	NTPC
42	North Dhadu (Western Part)	Jharkhand	Latehar	NLCIL
43	Babupara East	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	Rungta Sons Private Limited
44	Dumri	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	S M Steels and Powver Limited
45	Duni Central	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	Bull Mining Private Limited
46	Lalgarh South	Jharkhand	Bokaro	Rungta Sons Private Limited
47	South of Damuda	Jharkhand	Bokaro	Rungta Sons Private Limited
48	Rabodih OCP	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	Twenty First Century Mining Private Limited
49	Amelia North	Madhya Pradesh	Sidhi	Jaiprakash Power Ventures Limited
50	Bicharpur	Madhya Pradesh	Shahdol	UltraTech Cement Limited
51	Sial Ghoghri	Madhya Pradesh	Chindwara	Reliance Cement Company Private Limited
52	Bikram	Madhya Pradesh	Shahdol	Birla Corp. Ltd
53	Brahampuri	Madhya Pradesh	Chindwara	Birla Corp. Ltd
54	Urtan North	Madhya Pradesh	Anuppur/ Shahdol	JMS Mining Private Limited
55	Sahapur West	Madhya Pradesh	Umaria & Shahdol	Sarda Energy And Minerals Limited
56-57	Gotitoria (East) & (West)	Madhya Pradesh	Narsinghpur	Boulder Stone Mart Pvt Ltd
58	Urtan	Madhya Pradesh	Shahdol	JMS Mining Private Limited
59	Dhirauli	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli	Stratatech Mineral Resources Private Limited

60	Bandha	Madhya Pradesh	Sidhi	EMIL Mines And Mineral Resources Limited
61	Gonbahera Ujheni East	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli	MP Natural Resources Private Limited
62	Beheraband North Ext.	Madhya Pradesh	Anuppur	Auro Coal Private Limited
63	Maiki North	Madhya Pradesh	Shahdol	Maiki South Mining Pvt. Ltd.
64	Bandha North	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli	Jaiprakash Power Ventures Limited
65	Marki Barka	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli	Birla Corp. Ltd
66	Arjuni East	Madhya Pradesh	Umaria	Ultratech Cement Limited
67	Arjuni West	Madhya Pradesh	Umaria	Ganga Khanij Private Limited
68	Gonbahera Ujheni	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli	MP Natural Resources Private Limited
69	Mandla North	Madhya Pradesh	Chhindwara	Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited
70	Marwatola – VI	Madhya Pradesh	Shahdol	JSW Cement Limited
71	Marwatola – VII	Madhya Pradesh	Shahdol	Rama Cement Industries Private Limited
72	Pathora East	Madhya Pradesh	Umaria	Shri Bajrang Power and Ispat Limited
73	Pathora West	Madhya Pradesh	Umaria	Shri Bajrang Power and Ispat Limited
74	Mara II Mahan	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli	Mahan Energen Ltd
75	Lamatola	Madhya Pradesh	Anuppur	ACC Limited
76	West of Shahdol(South)	Madhya Pradesh	Umaria	JK Cement Ltd.
77	Belgaon	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Sunflag Iron and Steel Company Limited
78	Marki Mangli III	Maharashtra	Yavatmal	B.S. Ispat Limited
79	Marki Mangli-I	Maharashtra	Yavatmal	Topworth Urja and Metals Ltd
80	Nerad Malegaon	Maharashtra	Yavatmal	Indrajit Power Private Ltd
81	Marki Mangli-II	Maharashtra	Yavatmal	Yazdani International Private Limited
82	Gondkhari	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Adani Power Maharashtra Ltd
83	Takli-Jena-Bellora (North) & Takli-Jena-Bellora (South)	Maharashtra	Chandrapur	Aurobindo Reality And Infrastructure Private Limited
84	Bhivkund	Maharashtra	Chandrapur	Sunflag Iron and Steel Company Limited
85	Marki Mangli-IV	Maharashtra	Yavatmal	Sobhagya Mercantile Limited
86	Dahegaon-Gowari	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Ambuja Cements Limited
87	Kalambi Kalmeshwar (Western Part)	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Samlok Industries Private Limited

88	North West of Madheri	Maharashtra	Chandrapur	MH Natural Resources Private Limited
89	Talabira-I*	Odisha	Jharsuguda	GMR Chhattisgarh Energy Limited
90	Jamkhani	Odisha	Sundergarh	Vedanta Ltd
91	Radhikapur West	Odisha	Angul	Vedanta Ltd
92	Kuraloi (A) North	Odisha	Jharsuguda	Vedanta Ltd
93	Utkal-C	Odisha	Angul	Jindal Steel and Power Limited
94-95	Utkal B1 & B2	Odisha	Angul	Jindal Steel and Power Limited
96	Bijahan	Odisha	Sundergarh	Mahanadi Mines & Minerals Pvt. Ltd.
97	Bankhui	Odisha	Angul	Yazdani Steel and Power Limited
98	Alaknanda	Odisha	Angul	Rungta Sons Pvt Ltd.
99	Baitarni West	Odisha	Angul	Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd
100	Burapahar	Odisha	Sundargarh	Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd
101	Chendipada (Revised)	Odisha	Angul	Rungta Sons Private Limited
102	Sakhigopal – B Kankili	Odisha	Angul	Rungta Sons Private Limited
103	Meenakshi West	Odisha	Sundergarh	Hindalco Industries Ltd
104	Kudanali Lubri	Odisha	Angul	Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd
105	Machhakata(Revised)	Odisha	Angul	NLC India Limited
106	Sakhigopal-B Kakurhi	Odisha	Angul	TANGEDCO
107-108	Ghogharpalli & Its dip extension	Odisha	Sundargarh	Vedanta Limited
109	Ardhagram*	West Bengal	Bankura	OCL Iron and Steel LTD*
110	Sarisatolli	West Bengal	Burdwan	CESC Limited
111	Trans Damodar	West Bengal	Bankura	The Durgapur Projects Limited
112	Jaganathpur B	West Bengal	Bardhaman	Powerplus Traders Pvt. Ltd
113	Kasta East	West Bengal	Birbhum	Jitusol developers Pvt Ltd
114	Kagra Joydev	West Bengal	Birbhum	Orissa Metallurgical Industry Private Limited
115	Binodpur Bhabhaniganj	West Bengal	Birbhum	JMS Mining Private Limited
116	Koilajan	Assam	Karbi Anglong (United Mikir Hills and North Cachar Hills Districts)	Assam Mineral Development Corporation Limited
117	Garampani	Assam	Dima Hasao	Assam Mineral Development Corporation Limited

118	Namchik Namphuk	Arunachal Pradesh	Changlang	Coal Pulz Private Limited
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**Matter subjudice regarding Termination*