

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
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MINE BLOCKS AUCTIONED TO PRIVATE AND PUBLIC COMPANIES

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of mine blocks auctioned in the country especially in Maharashtra since 2015 till date as a result of mining reforms implemented by the Government;
- (b) the details of mine blocks allotted to private and public companies since 2015 till date, State and company-wise;
- (c) the number of mines that are operational after the mining reforms along with the names of investigation agencies notified for private investigation in the country, State-wise especially in Maharashtra; and
- (d) the details of increase or loss of revenue in the State where mines were auctioned to private companies, State/mine-wise?

ANSWER

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

- (a) 435 mineral blocks have been auctioned in the country since the introduction of auction regime in 2015. Of which 40 blocks have been auctioned in Maharashtra.
- (b) State-wise details of mineral blocks allotted to private and public companies, through auction, since 2015 are available on the Ministry of Mines' website. (<https://mines.gov.in/webportal/content/successful-auction-since-2015>). Apart from above, 24 blocks have been reserved for Central PSUs and State PSUs under section 17A of MMDR Act, 1957 since 2015. List at Annexure I.
- (c) 50 auctioned mineral blocks auctioned have been operationalised since the introduction of auction regime in 2015. So far, 25 private exploration agencies have been notified in the country under section 4(1) of the MMDR Act, 1957. These agencies are eligible to take up exploration activities throughout the country including Maharashtra. List at Annexure II.
- (d) The revenue collection to the State Governments which has auctioned and operationalised mineral blocks has significantly increased. The details of pre-auction and post-auction revenue collection are given at Annexure-III.

Annexure-I

List of Mineral Blocks reserved for Central PSUs and State PSUs since 2015

S. No.	State	Name of the PSU	Area	Mineral
1	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Ltd (APMDC), State PSU	1327 Ha.	Iron ore
2	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Ltd (APMDC), State PSU	25 Ha	Iron ore
3	Chhattisgarh	NMDC-CMDC(NCL), Joint Venture CPSU and SPSU	646.596 Ha	Iron ore
4	Chhattisgarh	NMDC-CMDC(NCL), Joint Venture CPSU and SPSU	15680 Ha.	Diamond
5	Chhattisgarh	NMDC, Central PSU	48.493 Ha.	Non-Mineralized reserve Forest Land area for dumping of waste/non-saleable material and allied infrastructure facilities.
6	Gujarat	Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited (GIPCL), State PSU	80.26.06 Ha	Limestone mining
7	Karnataka	Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL), Central PSU	470.4 Ha.	Iron ore and manganese
8	Karnataka	Steel Authority of India Limited(SAIL), Central PSU	60.70 Ha	Iron ore
9	Madhya Pradesh	Manganese Ore (India) Limited (MOIL), Central PSU	383.836 Ha.	Manganese
10	Madhya Pradesh	(MPSMC), State PSU	21.00 Ha.	Bauxite
11	Odisha	Industrial Development Corporation of Odisha Limited (IDCOL), State PSU	416.512 Ha.	Iron ore
12	Odisha	National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), Central PSU	697.979 Ha.	Bauxite
13	Odisha	Odisha Mining Corporation Limited (OMC), State PSU	456.100 Ha.	Iron ore
14	Odisha	Odisha Mining Corporation Limited (OMC), State PSU	365.026 Ha.	Iron ore
15	Odisha	Odisha Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (OMECL), State PSU	24.230 Ha.	Iron ore

16	Odisha	Odisha Mining Corporation Limited (OMC), State PSU	168.948 Ha.	Chromite
17	Rajasthan	Rajasthan State Mines & Minerals Limited (RSMML). State PSU	6189.5 Ha	Limestone
18	Rajasthan	FCI Aravali Gypsum and Minerals India Limited (FAGMIL), Central PSU]	400 Ha.	Rock Phosphate
19	Rajasthan	FCI Aravali Gypsum and Minerals India Limited (FAGMIL), Central	1100 Ha.	Dolomite
20	Tamil Nadu	IREL (India) Limited, Central PSU	1144.06.18 Ha.	Beach Sand Minerals
21	Telangana	Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation Limited (TSMDC), State PSU	588.26 Ha.	Limestone
22	UT of Jammu & Kashmir	J&K Minerals Limited, UT-PSU	77.78 Ha.	Limestone
23	West Bengal	West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited (WBMD&TC Ltd), State PSU	15.65 Ha and 13.56 Ha	China Clay/Fire Clay
24	West Bengal	West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited (WBMD&TC Ltd), State PSU	6.47 Ha	Quartz and Feldspar

Annexure-II**List of Notified Private Exploration Agencies in the country are given below:**

Sl. No.	Name of Agency
1	M/s Gemcokati Exploration Private Limited
2	M/s Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
3	M/s Kartikay Exploration and Mining Services Pvt. Ltd
4	M/s Envirogreen Consultants (India) Private Limited
5	M/s GMMCO Technology Services Limited
6	M/s Bhushilp Mines and Minerals Pvt Ltd
7	M/s Mining Tech Consultancy Services Limited
8	M/s Critical Mineral Trackers
9	M/s PRB Infraprojects Private Limited
10	M/s Ramgad Minerals and Mining Limited
11	M/s GEMS Project Pvt Ltd.
12	M/s Kundan Concentrates Private Limited
13	M/s Engeotech Consultant
14	M/s Novomine India Private Limited
15	M/s Infrastructure Logistics Private Limited
16	M/s Geo Exploration and Mining Solutions
17	M/s Ecomen Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.
18	M/s Maheshwari Mining Private Limited
19	M/s V. M. Salgaocar and Brother Private Limited
20	M/s Geovale Services Private Limited
21	M/s GeoExpOre Private Limited
22	M/s United Exploration India Private Limited
23	M/s Geotechnical Mining Solutions
24	M/s. Indian Mine Planners and Consultants
25	M/s. Natural Resources Division-Tata Steel Limited

Details of pre-auction and post-auction revenue collection

Sl. No	State	Revenue (Rs. in Crore) FY 2006-07 to 2014-15	Revenue (Rs. in Crore) FY 2015-16 to 2023-24
1	Odisha	18,194	1,49,423
2	Chhattisgarh	7,353	34,648
3	Rajasthan	10,585	27,342
4	Karnataka	3,700	22,359
5	Madhya Pradesh	2,748	5,213
6	Andhra Pradesh	3,175*	3,621
7	Gujarat	2,008	3,337
8	Goa	2,644	1013**
	Total	50,408	2,46,956

*The figure for Andhra Pradesh is for undivided State before bifurcation.

**The mines were closed in Goa for a number of years.