

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2286
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025**

Allocation of Coal Blocks

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

- (a) the number of coal blocks allocated in West Bengal along with their location and present operational status;
- (b) the criteria used for allocation of these coal blocks and the entities to which these allocations have been made;
- (c) the measures taken to ensure that the allocated coal blocks adhere to environmental regulations and sustainable mining practices;
- (d) the manner in which the Government is monitoring the development and production activities of these allocated coal blocks to ensure the compliance with the conditions of allocation; and
- (e) the steps being taken to address any delays or challenges being faced in operationalizing these coal blocks?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) 15 coal blocks have been allocated by Ministry of Coal in the state of West Bengal. Detail of their locations, operational status, entities to which allocations have been made and criteria of allocation is given at **Annexure**.

(c) The allocation of coal blocks adheres to strict environmental regulations and sustainable mining practices as outlined in the agreements executed between the Nominated Authority and the coal block allocates. These agreements include efficiency parameters that mandate allocatees to obtain all requisite clearances (including Environment Clearance) from the respective Ministries/agencies prior to commencing operations in the allocated coal blocks. Environment Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) involves fulfilling all prescribed conditions and requirements set by the MoEF&CC and State Pollution Control Boards to ensure compliance with environmental standards.

(d) The Ministry monitors the development and production activities of coal blocks to ensure compliance. The successful bidders/allocates are required to develop the coal mines as per the milestones outlined in the “Efficiency Parameters” of the Agreement executed. In cases where delays is found to be attributable to the allocattee, penalty is imposed by appropriating a defined percentage of their Performance Bank Guarantee.

Additionally, the Ministry conducts monthly review meetings with coal block allottees and Officials of Central Ministries & State Govt. to assess and review the progress of coal block development and production.

(e) The Ministry regularly conducts monthly review meetings with the coal block allottees and officials of Central Ministries & State Government to assess and monitor the progress of coal block development. During these reviews, any challenges or delays faced in the operationalization of the coal blocks are identified and taken up with concerned Ministry / Department for resolution to facilitate the coal block allottees.

Annexure

List of coal mines allocated by the Ministry of Coal in state of West Bengal, their location, operational status and other details:

Sl No	Name of Coal Mine	Successful Bidder / Allottee	District	Vesting order/Allotment order date	Current Status	Criteria for allocation
1	Barjora	West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited	Birbhum	31.03.2015	Operational	Allotment
2	Barjora (North)	West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited	Bankura	31.03.2015	Operational	Allotment
3,4	Gangaramchak, Gangaramchak Bhadulia	West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited	Birbhum	31.03.2015	Operational	Allotment
5	Sarisatolli	CESC Limited	Burdwan	23.03.2015	Operational	Auction
6,7	Tara East & Tara West	West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited	Burdwan	31.03.2015	Operational	Allotment
8	Trans Damodar	The Durgapur Projects Limited	Bankura	23.03.2015	Operational	Auction
9	Gourangdih ABC	West Bengal Mineral Development Corporation Limited	Burdwan	29.09.2016	Non Operational	Allotment
10	East of Damagoria	BCCL	Pashchim Bardhaman	21.11.2019	Non Operational	Allotment
11	Jaganathpur B	Powerplus Traders Pvt. Ltd	Bardhaman	13.02.2020	Non Operational	Auction
12	Kasta East	Jitusol Developers Private Limited	Birbhum	12.12.2022	Non Operational	Auction
13	Kagra Joydev	Orissa Metallurgical Industry Private Limited	Birbhum	08.06.2023	Non Operational	Auction
14	Binodpur Bhabaniganj	JMS Mining Private Limited	Birbhum	01.08.2024	Non Operational	Auction
15	Deocha Pachami Dewangunj Harinsingha	West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited	Birbhum	17.12.2019	Non Operational	Allotment
