

Title: Regarding auction of the Sakhigopal-B Kankili Coal Block in Angul District of Odisha.-laid

SHRI MAHESH SAHOO (DHENKANAL): On 7th March 2023, auction of Sakhigopal -B Kankili Coal Block in Angul District of Odisha was conducted by Ministry of Coal. 152 acres of inhabited portion of Talabeda village which has a total area of 233 acres was auctioned and the rest land was left out of the entire process.

The air of the entire area is polluted and is adjacent to Coal Corridor Road of Mahanadi Coalfield Limited (MCL). Once the villagers are shifted out of the area, they would be left with the land which is highly polluted within the area. The left-out land will not be fit for agricultural or any other commercial purposes. If the left-out area is not included within the auctioned block and compensated in proper terms, a huge injustice would be done to the people which will violate natural justice. In this regard, I have also written letter to CMD of the Mahanadi Coalfield Limited.

Therefore, I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Coal to look into the matter on an urgent basis so that justice due is delivered to the people of Talabeda village already affected by the auction.