

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4742
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COMMITTEE FOR ALLOTMENT OF COAL BLOCKS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently appointed a high level Committee to go into the issue of competitive bidding for allotment of coal and lignite blocks;
- (b) if so, the composition and terms of reference of the Committee:
- (c) whether the Committee has given its interim report;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposes to be taken to implement the recommendations of the Committee?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

- (a): No Committee has been appointed to go into the issue of competitive bidding for allotment of coal and lignite blocks. However, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Coal has been constituted to consider and examine various structures and implementation models for implementing the competitive bidding for auction of coal/lignite blocks and to suggest the optimal structure which would meet the requirement of all the stakeholders.
- (b) to (e): Does not arise in view of reply given at (a) above.