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ALLOCATION OF COAL BLOCKS

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the public and private companies to whom coal and lignite blocks have been allocated alongwith the date of allotment, location and quantum of coal reserves assessed in these blocks, State-wise;
- (b) the details of coal and lignite blocks and the names of the companies who have developed the coal blocks according to norms, company-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the details of coal and lignite blocks and the names of the companies who have not developed coal blocks according to norms and the action taken against them so far, State-wise and company-wise; and
- (d) the time by which production is likely to be started in these blocks?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) to (d): The names of the public and private companies to whom coal and lignite blocks have been allocated alongwith the date of allotment, location and quantum of coal reserves assessed in these blocks, State-wise including the status as to producing or non-producing are given at Annexure-I.

The responsibility of developing the coal block as per the prescribed guidelines and milestone chart attached with the allocation letter rests entirely with the allocatee company. In the terms and conditions of the allocation letters, it is categorically mentioned that in the event of willful delay in the development of coal blocks and in setting up of the end use project, the Govt. takes appropriate action to de-allocate the said block. Further, the allocatees have to submit Bank Guarantee which remains valid all the times till the production from the coal block reaches its peak rated capacity. The State Govts. have been requested to form a Monitoring Committee headed by the Chief Secretary to facilitate expeditious development of coal/ lignite blocks. The Coal Controller's office monitors on regular basis the achievement of different milestones. Government periodically monitors and reviews the development of allocated blocks as well as end use plants by the allocatee companies in the Review Meetings. Wherever delays are noticed, Government issues show cause notices and advisories to such allocatees cautioning them to bring the coal blocks into production as per the guidelines/milestones chart. Based on the replies to the show cause notices, the Government takes decision on the de-allocation. A total of 25 coal blocks and 2 lignite blocks were de-allocated. State-wise and company-wise details of de-allocated blocks are at Annexure-II.

Out of 195 coal blocks, 29 coal blocks have started production. Further out of the 28 allocated lignite blocks, 12 lignite blocks have started production. The remaining coal blocks which have not started production so far, are in various stages of obtaining statutory clearances and mining lease, preparing mining plan, acquisition of land, procuring machinery and equipment etc. for both mining as well as end-use project.