

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5365  
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AUCTION OF COAL BLOCKS  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to auction some coal blocks in near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated coal reserve along with the area where these blocks are available;
- (c) whether the Government expects aggressive bids for the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. 54 coal blocks with total Geological Reserves of about 18.22 Billion Tonnes (BT) are identified for allocation, out of which 16 blocks with 7.27 BT reserves for Govt. companies, 16 blocks with 8.16 BT for power sector companies selected through tariff based bidding and 22 blocks with 2.79 BT for companies selected through auction have been earmarked for allocation. These coal blocks are located in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(c) & (d): It is not possible to anticipate the response that will be received from the prospective bidders.