

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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PANEL FOR ALLOCATION OF COAL BLOCKS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has processed applications for allotment of coal blocks to Government companies/corporations recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of applications received by the Government for allotment of coal blocks;
- (c) whether the Government has constituted a panel to take a decision with regard to allotment of coal blocks to bidders; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which these coal blocks are likely to be allotted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) & (b) :In response to the Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) dated 31.12.2012 for the 17 Coal Blocks (14 coal blocks for Power and 3 coal blocks for mining) for allocation to Government companies/corporations under Rule 4(3) of the 'Auction by Competitive Bidding of Coal Mines Rules, 2012', the Ministry of Coal has received a total number of 318 applications.

(c) & (d) :The Government has notified the "Auction by Competitive Bidding of Coal Mines Rules, 2012" on 2nd February, 2012 and 'Auction by Competitive Bidding of Coal Mine (Amendment) Rules, 2012' regarding allocation of coal blocks including terms and conditions of allocation of area containing coal for the purpose of mining and specified end use on 27th December, 2012. An Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) has been constituted on 17.12.2012 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Coal to consider the applications received from the Government Companies/Corporations on the basis of pre-determined evaluation criteria. The IMC comprises of members from Ministry of Coal, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Steel, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Law & Justice, Planning Commission, Coal India Limited, Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd. and Coal Controller. The applications are being evaluated.