

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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Auction of Mineral Blocks
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether it is true that the Government has auctioned about 21 mining leases and these mineral blocks have a cumulative resource value of around Rs.94,000 crore and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) Whether it is also true that the Government has already facilitated the auction process extending support from IBM, GSI and various PSUs such as MSTC, MECON, MECL and SBICAP and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) Whether Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Odisha are among the States preparing for auction of mineral blocks like iron ore, limestone and bauxite and in the next financial year and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) A total of 21 mineral blocks with an estimated value of resources of Rs.93,190 crores have been auctioned till 31.03.2017. In the current financial year, so far, 8 more mineral blocks have been auctioned. As on date, 29 mineral blocks with an estimated total value of resources of Rs. 1,56,746 crores have been successfully auctioned in States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Rajasthan.

(b) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Mines has provided handholding support to State Governments to facilitate auction process with the support of IBM, MECL, MSTC, MECON and SBICAPS etc. The Ministry signed a contract with SBI Capital Markets Limited (SBICAPS) on 04.02.2015 for transaction advisory services regarding development of procedural and legal framework for enabling implementation of the provisions of MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2015. Further, the Ministry of Mines signed an MOU with MSTC on 19.02.2016 for providing e-auction services including an online platform for conduct of e-auction. Ministry of Mines also signed a contract with MECON on 31.03.2016 for transaction advisory services which included preparation of State specific and block specific bid documents, assistance to the tender evaluation committee of the State Government and for DGPS survey and total station surveys which included preparing and submitting geo-referenced maps.

(c) Yes sir. The list of mineral blocks proposed for e-auction in the States of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Odisha as per the information provided by the respective State Governments is given in the following table.

S.No.	State	Name of the mineral(s) to be auctioned	No. of blocks proposed for auction
1	Jharkhand	Gold, Limestone, Graphite, Emerald, Iron, Bauxite	9 Blocks
2	Chhattisgarh	Bauxite, Limestone	11 Blocks
3	Odisha	Iron Ore, Graphite, Limestone	7 Blocks
