

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1791**  
ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025

**DMF IN ODISHA**

1791. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number and names of mineral blocks auctioned or allotted in Odisha since 2022 along with their current operational status and projected annual production capacities;
- (b) the total royalty, premium and other levies collected from these mines during the years 2023-24 and 2024-25 and the amounts credited to Odisha and to the Sundargarh District Mineral Foundation (DMF); and
- (c) the details of the balance available in DMF as of 31 March, 2025 along with the expenditure incurred in the year 2023-24, the major projects funded and the reasons for any unspent or diverted amounts?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) As per the information received from the State Government of Odisha, 22 major mineral blocks have been auctioned or allotted in Odisha since 2022. The details are given at Annexure.

b) As per information received from the State Government of Odisha, no royalty, premium, or other levies have been collected from these 22 blocks during the years 2023–24 and 2024–25.

Further, a total of Rs. 4,582.78 Cr and Rs. 4,270.88 Cr have been collected under DMF in all 30 districts of Odisha for FYs 2023–24 and 2024–25 respectively. In Sundargarh district, Rs. 1,518.27 Cr and Rs. 1,620.38 Cr were collected during FYs 2023–24 and 2024–25 respectively.

c) As per the information received from the State Government of Odisha, the balance available under DMF as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 was Rs.13,786.71 Cr. and the expenditure incurred during the 2023-24 was Rs. 3026.10 Cr.

The major projects funded out of DMF fund are undertaken as per various permissible high priority sectors prescribed in the Odisha DMF Rules, 2015. No diversion of DMF funds has been reported by the State. Further, DMF is a non-lapsable fund. Any unutilized balance at the end of a financial year is carry forward and remains available for utilization in subsequent years.

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## Annexure

### List of mineral blocks auctioned or allotted since 2022 in Odisha

S. No.	Name of the Block	Mineral	Date of auction	Operational Status
1	Behera Bhanjipali Limestone Block	Limestone	29.03.2022	Non-operational
2	Naringpanga Graphite Block	Graphite	29.03.2022	Non-operational
3	Ballada Block	Bauxite	14.02.2023	Non-operational
4	Sijimali Block	Bauxite	08.02.2023	Non-operational
5	Kutrumali Block	Bauxite	10.02.2023	Non-operational
6	Uskalavagu Block	Limestone	08.02.2023	Non-operational
7	Kendudhi North Block	Iron & Manganese Ore	14.03.2023	Non-operational
8	Kusumdhi Block	Manganese Ore	14.03.2023	Non-operational
9	Kedesala North East Block	Iron Ore	17.03.2023	Non-operational
10	Roida-I Iron Ore & Manganese Block	Iron Ore & Manganese	18.06.2025	Non-operational
11	Jumka Pathiriposhi west Iron Ore Block	Iron Ore	12.06.2023	Non-operational
12	Koira Iron Ore Block	Iron Ore	24.06.2025	Non-operational
13	Bhanjikusum Manganese Block	Manganese	13.06.2025	Non-operational
14	Jalahuri Iron Ore & Manganese Block	Iron ore & Manganese	24.06.2025	Non-operational
15	Orahuri Manganese & Iron Ore Block	Manganese & Iron ore	21.06.2025	Non-operational
16	Putulipani Iron ore block	Iron Ore	30.06.2025	Non-operational
17	Roida-D Manganese Block	Manganese & Iron ore	26.06.2025	Non-operational
18	Lumurajhala(SE) Quartz Block	Quartz	16.11.2022	Non-operational
<b>Critical and Strategic Mineral</b>				
19	Babja Graphite and Manganese Block	Graphite and Manganese Ore	19.03.2024	Non-operational
20	Biarpalli Graphite and Manganese Block	Graphite and Manganese	15.03.2024	Non-operational
21	Akharkata Graphite Block	Graphite	19.03.2024	Non-operational
22	Salepali Graphite Block	Graphite	15.05.2025	Non-operational