

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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CAPTIVE COAL BLOCKS FOR PRIVATE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has again invited the proposals for captive coal blocks from the private sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and response of the private companies thereon; and the action being contemplated to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/O FOR COAL, POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c): For allocation of area containing coal through auction by competitive bidding for specified end use under the provisions of Rule-3 of the 'Auction by Competitive Bidding of Coal Mine Rules, 2012', from the companies engaged in the business of specified end uses, a Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) offering 3 coal blocks (for Steel, Sponge Iron & Cement) was issued on 26.02.2014 and 2 bids were received by Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd. upto the bid due date (25.06.2014) for Andal Babuisol coal block for Sponge Iron. Details of the coal blocks offered in NIA are mentioned below :-

s.No.	Name of the Coal Block	Name of the Coalfield	end-use	Permitted Reserves (in MT)
1	Jhirki & Jhirki (West)	East Bokaro coalfield, Jharkhand	Steel (Blast furnace)	267.91
2	Andal Babuisol	Raniganj coalfield, West Bengal	Sponge Iron (DRI)	103.841
3	Tokisud-II South	Karanpura coalfield, Jharkhand	Cement	127.692

With the approval of competent authority it has been decided to cancel the above mentioned auction as issues concerning prior clearances etc. need to be revisited.