

blocks have been auctioned. As on date, 29 mineral blocks with an estimated total value of resources of ₹ 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.

(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:—

Sl. 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

Auctioning of mineral blocks

871. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government would auction around 300 mineral blocks in the country during 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the States have very large number of mining leases; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Karnataka alone has about 100 odd leases which would be put for auction and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL):
 (a) to (c) As per the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Amendment Act, 2015 and the Rules framed thereunder, the State Governments are empowered to carry out auction of mineral blocks in accordance with the statutory procedure. As per the information received from various State Governments, the mineral blocks proposed for e-auction in the near future are given in the Statement. (*See below*)

Statement*Details of the mineral blocks proposed to be auctioned in future*

Sl. No.	State	Name of the mineral(s) to be auctioned	No. of blocks to be auctioned
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Gold, Limestone	6 Blocks
2.	Chhattisgarh	Bauxite, Limestone	11 Blocks
3.	Gujarat	Limestone, Bauxite	12 Blocks
4.	Himachal Pradesh	Limestone	1 Block
5.	Jharkhand	Gold, Limestone, Graphite, Emerald, Iron Ore, Bauxite	9 Blocks
6.	Karnataka	Iron Ore	9 Blocks
7.	Maharashtra	Iron Ore, Limestone, Copper, Graphite, Bauxite, Manganese	18 Blocks
8.	Madhya Pradesh	Limestone, Bauxite, Manganese, Iron Ore	9 Blocks
9.	Odisha	Iron Ore, Graphite, Limestone	7 Blocks
10.	Rajasthan	Limestone, Copper	8 blocks
11.	Tamil Nadu	Molybdenum	3 Blocks
12.	Telangana	Limestone	2 Blocks
13.	Uttar Pradesh	Silimanite, Gold, Iron, Asbestos	4 Blocks
TOTAL			99 Blocks

Electricity generated through NRE

†872. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of electricity being generated through new and renewable energy sources in the country;
- (b) the quantum of energy generated during the last two years; and
- (c) the amount of fund allocated for the development of energy production

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.