

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2527
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022

ALLOCATION OF MINERAL BLOCKS TO STATES

2527#. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has handed over 100 blocks of various minerals to 14 States for auction at the survey level, if so, the State-wise number of blocks and the name of the proposed mineral;
- (b) the number of blocks of potassium and chromium provided to Bihar, the district-wise number of blocks provided and the details thereof;
- (c) the number of reserves of potassium and chromium estimated in Bihar;
- (d) the conditions and the purpose under which these blocks have been provided to Bihar; and
- (e) whether Government would help Bihar financially regarding the same?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINES, COAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government has handed over 252 nos. of G4 [reconnaissance survey] blocks of various minerals to 20 States for auction. The State-wise and mineral-wise details of these blocks are placed in Annexure.

(b): Potash and Chromite mineral blocks have been handed over to the State Government of Bihar. The details are as follows:

S.No.	District	Name of the Block	Commodity
1	Kaimur	ER_BR_04_Block-1_ Nawara-Nawadih	Glaucinite (Potash)
2		ER_BR_04_Block-2_ Tipa	Glaucinite (Potash)
3	Rohtas	ER_BR_02_Block-1_Shahpur	Glaucinite (Potash)
4	Aurangabad and Gaya	ER_BR_03_Block-1_Genjana	Chromite, Nickel & Platinum Group of Elements

(c) to (e): 3 blocks of Glaucinite [Potash] and 1 block of Chromite with potential resources have been identified till now and handed over to the State Government of Bihar.

These blocks have been handed over to the Government of Bihar for auction as composite license. The National Mineral Exploration Trust [NMET], Ministry of Mines gives incentives of Rs. 20 Lakh per block to the State Government for successful auctions. The NMET also reimburses 50% cost of auctions up to Rs.5 Lakh per block in case of unsuccessful auction.

Commodity-State wise G4 blocks submitted {Phase-I (08.09.2021), II (23.11.2021), III (24.03.2022) & IV (12.07.2022)} to State Govt for Composite License																				
State	Base metal	Bauxite	Copper	Diamond	Gold, Copper & Associated minerals.	Graphite	Chromite, Nickel, Cobalt & PGE	Phosphorite	Gypsum	REE & RM	Manganese	Glauconite (Potash)	Andalusite	Iron	Lime stone	Tungsten	Lithium	Molybdenum	Iron and Manganese	Total
Andhra Pradesh	1	2		1							5			8						17
Arunachal Pradesh						1														1
Assam															1					1
Bihar		1					1					3								5
Chhattisgarh		6		1	3	2	2	1	2			2		1	4		1			25
Gujarat	1						1					1			1					4
Himachal Pradesh									1											1
Jharkhand	1				8			1			2	1		1	2				2	18
Karnataka		4			20									1	3					28
Kerala		2																		2
Maharashtra	2	6	1			1	5				2			8						25
Madhya Pradesh	7	1		3	2	5	3	6			4				11			1		43
Odisha		1				1	3				13			5						23
Punjab												1								1
Rajasthan	15						4			1	5	3			7					35
Tamil Nadu					1	2								3	4	1				11
Telangana											1			3	2					6
Uttar Pradesh					1								2							3
Uttarakhand															2					2
West Bengal					1															1
Total	27	23	1	5	36	12	19	8	3	1	32	11	2	30	37	1	1	1	2	252