

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 284**  
ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024

**FUNDS ALLOTTED TO KERALA UNDER VARIOUS SCHEMES OF THE MINISTRY**

284. DR ANIL AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the funds allotted to Kerala state under various schemes of the Ministry of Mines during the period of 2019-2024 is higher as compared to recent Past

(b) If so, the allotment of funds thereof annually from 2019-2024;

(c) Whether the Government approved any special projects in mining for Kerala state from 2019-2024; and

(d) If so, the details thereof annually during the period 2019-2024?.

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): No. During the year 2021-22, National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) has released Rs. 20 lakh as incentive to the Government of Kerala to encourage the State government for auction of mineral blocks. NMET sanctioned Rs. 4,21,48,104/- in 2016-17 for 02 mineral exploration projects to MECL, a central PSU, in Kerala.

Inspite of repeated reminders and incentive for mineral block auction, State of Kerala has not auctioned any mineral block till now.

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