

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1472
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024**

Auctioning of coal mines for commercial mining

1472 Shri Yerram Venkata Subba Reddy :

Will the Minister of *Coal* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has started the process of auctioning 30 coal mines for commercial mining;
- (b) whether auction of old mines, which did not elicit response earlier, is also going to be done;
- (c) if so, details of these auctions;
- (d) whether the country is on the course to achieve 150 billion tons target by 2030; and
- (e) whether the country is on course to achieve zero thermal imports by Financial Year 2028?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COAL & MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a), (b) & (c) Yes Sir. Ministry of Coal has recently launched the 10th round of commercial auction of coal mines on 21.06.2024, offering 67 coal mines. This round includes 30 new coal mines and 31 previously offered mines where no response was received. Additionally, 6 coal mines are offered under 2nd attempt of 8th and 9th round. Last date for bid submission is 27.08.2024.

(d) Ministry of Coal has set a target to produce 1.5 BT by FY-2030.

(e) Increasing domestic coal production would reduce reliance on imported coal for various industries, including domestic coal-based power plants. The Ministry of Coal aims to produce 1.39 billion tonnes of coal by FY2028 to meet national demand and achieve self-sufficiency. However, power plants that rely on imported coal may continue to import thermal coal.
