

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1473
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024**

Coal block allocation

1473. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA :

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

- (a) the number of times the Central Government has conducted coal block auction since 2019;
- (b) the year-wise, tranche-wise and auction-wise details thereof;
- (c) the number of bids which were received for each tranche and for how many 'no-bids' were received in the first round;
- (d) whether it is a fact that many blocks received 'no-bids' in the first round and were allocated at lesser rate in the second round; and
- (e) if so, the details of all such blocks?

ANSWER

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

(a) Since 2019, the Ministry of Coal has conducted 3 rounds of auctions for specified end-use and 10 rounds of auctions for commercial mining.

(b) & (c) The year-wise, tranche-wise details are provided below: -

Year	Auction Launched	Number of Mines Offered	Total Number of Bids Received	Mines where no-bids received in 1 st attempt
2019-20	Tranche 8 (for specified end-use)	20	32	7
	Tranche 9 (for specified end-use)	6	6	2
	Tranche 10 (for specified end-use)	1	7	0
2020-21	Round 1 (commercial mining)	38	76	15
	Round 2 (commercial mining)	67	34	48
2021-22	Round 3 (commercial mining)	88	53	68
	Round 4 (commercial mining)	99	26	88
	Round 5 (commercial mining)	109	28	93
2022-23	Round 6 (commercial mining)	133	86	101
	Round 7 (commercial mining)	98	34	81
2023-24	Round 8 (commercial mining)	35	7	31
	Round 9 (commercial mining)	27	33	14
2024-25	Round 10 (commercial mining)	61	43	45

(d) & (e) There are several mines where no bids were received in the 1st round of auction. However, in case any mine receives less than 2 effective bids, the auction process is annulled and such mine is again offered in 2nd round at standard floor price of 4% or at the highest price bid received in 1st round of auction. Therefore, no mine is allocated at lesser price in the 2nd round of auction.
