

Ministry of Coal Gears Up to Launch 11th Round of Commercial Coal Mine Auctions

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The Ministry of Coal is geared up to launch the 11th round of Commercial Coal Mine auctions on 05-12-24, in New Delhi. Union Minister of Coal and Mines, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, will launch the 11th round of Commercial Coal Mine auctions. Minister of State for Coal and Mines, Shri Satish Chandra Dubey, and Secretary of Coal, Shri Vikram Dev Dutt will also grace the occasion. This strategic initiative aims to bolster transparency, competitiveness, and sustainability in India's coal sector.

The forthcoming auction, offers 27 coal blocks, strategically distributed across various states and regions, designed to promote regional economic growth and create employment opportunities. Building on the success of previous rounds, the Ministry continues its efforts to unlock India's vast coal reserves and enhance energy security.

In this round, 20 coal mines will be offered for bidding, comprising 10 Fully Explored and 10 Partially Explored blocks. Additionally, 7 coal mines from the 2nd Attempt of Round 10 will also be on offer, including 4 Fully Explored and 3 Partially Explored blocks. All these mines consist of non-coking coal, catering to India's growing energy demands.

Furthermore, during the event, Ministry of Coal will execute Coal Mine Development and Production Agreements (CMDPAs) and Coal Block Development and Production Agreements (CBDPAs) for nine coal mines. These mines are projected to generate annual revenue of approximately 1,446 crores at peak-rated capacity and create around 19,063 employment opportunities. Additionally, CBDPAs will be handed over to the successful bidders of the 10th tranche, reinforcing the government's commitment to enhancing coal production and energy security.

Commercial coal Mine auctions has introduced several key reforms. There are no restrictions on the sale or utilization of coal. Notably, eligibility criteria have been eliminated, removing any technical or financial barriers for participation. In addition, a strategic shift from the notified price to the National Coal Index ensures transparency and fairness, establishing a market-driven pricing mechanism. The amendment of mineral laws has been instrumental in unlocking the coal sector, providing an equitable playing field for both public and private sector players and allowing auctions for various purposes, including own consumption and sale.

This auction represents a key milestone in India's journey towards Atmanirbharta in the coal sector. By offering new blocks, the Government of India is tapping into the nation's vast coal reserves to drive economic growth and strengthen energy security. Committed to sustainability, the government is ensuring that mining practices promote not only economic progress but also environmental stewardship.

To simplify and accelerate mine operationalization, the Ministry has implemented the Single Window Clearance System (SWCS) portal. This platform offers a seamless process for obtaining necessary approvals, ensuring ease of doing business and boosting coal production through a single gateway. These reforms underline the Ministry's dedication to building a resilient and progressive coal sector.

Comprehensive details about the mines, auction process, and timelines are available on the MSTC auction platform. The auctions will be conducted through a transparent online process, employing

the Percentage Revenue Share model.

With the launch of 11th round of Commercial Coal Mine Auctions, the Government continues to reinforce its vision of fostering a competitive, sustainable, and efficient coal sector, driving progress and resilience in India's energy landscape.

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