

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1916**  
FOR ANSWER ON 10/03/2021

**ALLOCATION OF CAPTIVE MINES TO RINL**

1916. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of Steel be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to policy shift in coal blocks allocation, Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) was not allocated captive mines;
- (b) if so, what process has been followed for allocation of coal blocks during last five years;
- (c) whether captive mines have been allocated to any steel company by the Ministry directly without following the auction or other process in last five years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether non-availability of captive mines is the main reason for losses incurred by RINL during the last few years; and
- (f) if so, whether the Ministry would at least now allot captive mines to RINL?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) has been "in principle" allocated Rabodih OCP Coal Mine in Jharkhand under the provisions of Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 in March, 2020 by Ministry of Coal.

Allocation of coal blocks is done as per the provisions contained in Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015.

(c)&(d): The following Coal and Iron Ore Mines have been allocated to Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) during the last five years:-

**Coal Mine: -**

| <b>Name of Mine</b> | <b>Steel Company</b>          | <b>Reservation/Allotment date</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Parbatpur           | Steel Authority of India Ltd. | 06.10.2015                        |
| Sitanala            | Steel Authority of India Ltd. | 24.03.2015                        |

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However, allotment of both these mines have been terminated as Allottee has surrendered the mines.

**Iron Ore Mines: -**

Two Iron ore mines were reserved for Steel companies:-

| <b>Name of Mine</b>                    | <b>Steel Company</b>          | <b>Reservation/Allotment date</b> |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Thakurani Block A                      | Steel Authority of India Ltd. | 04.02.2004 *                      |
| Ramandurga Forest Range Block No. 13/1 | Steel Authority of India Ltd. | 20.02.2019                        |

\* Against this reservation, Government of Odisha vide order dated 24.02.2021 granted Prospecting License (PL) to SAIL under Section 17A of MMDR Amendment Act, 1957 for a period of 3 years.

(e)&(f): RINL procures iron ore from open market at the market price in the absence of allocation of any captive mine. This is one of the factors amongst other reasons for losses incurred by RINL. RINL has requested various State Governments viz. Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh for recommending reservation of iron ore deposit under section 17A(2A) of MMDR Act, 2015 to the Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India. Ministry of Steel has also requested Government of Odisha for reservation of an iron ore block in favour of RINL.

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