



Key Announcements in Commercial Mining of Coal in India

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Recent updates and Announcements

After announcement made by the Modi led Government for Commercial Mining of Coal in India by initiating the [auction of 41 Coal blocks](#) through auctioning under NIT conditions published by MoC (Ministry of Coal) on 18th june,2020 at initial stage which will make India self-reliant and bring down its import bill. The start of auction for Commercial coal mining is a win-win situation for all stakeholders and Prospective Bidders.

Lots of updates have been witnessed by the prospective Indian as well as Global Private players which will fructify the bidders in participating an auction process for sale of coal. Some Important updates are as follows.

- As per latest notification published on 30 July 2020 by MoC, out of total 3 blocks in Maharashtra state - Bander Coal Block comes under eco-sensitive zone and therefore considering the loss of bio diversity due to commercial mining, central government is withdrawing "Bander Coal Mine" from list of 41 coal block. Therefore total **40 coal block are available for commercial coal mining**

- The Ministry of Coal is devising **a single window clearance mechanism** for faster online application processing for various approvals, including environmental clearance and forest Clearances ,required for operationalization of coal blocks as delays in getting approvals by the successful bidder after winning coal mine often leads to deferment in production.
- Coal Minister Mr. Pralhad Joshi has accepted the suggestion of the Chhattisgarh government to **change five mines** in the state put up for commercial coal auctions, namely , Morga South (6 MTPA), Morga 2 (10 MTPA), Sayang (4 MTPA) and Madanpur North (4 MTPA), which comes in an eco-sensitive area of Mand- Hasdeo Rivers and Elephant corridor **with three other new mines.**
- The Central government has clarified that any **foreign direct investment (FDI)** in commercial coal mining from an entity of a country that shares land border with India will be allowed only after government approvals. According to the Press note released on August 2020, an entity of a country, which shares land border with India or where the beneficial owner of an investment into India is situated in or is a citizen of any such country, can invest only under the Government route and not under automatic route.
- The MoC has revised the timelines for auctions in participation in Commercial Coal Mining . The revised dates are shown in table below:

Sr.No.	Event	Revised Dates
1	Last date of receiving written queries from Bidders	Friday, September 11, 2020
2	Last date of receiving written requests for Site Visit	Friday, September 18, 2020
3	Last date for written responses to queries by the Nominated Authority	Monday, September 21, 2020
4	Last date for registration of bidder at the website of MSTC	Tuesday, September 22, 2020
5	Last date for sale of Tender Document at the website of MSTC	Friday, September 25, 2020
6	Bid Due Date	1400 hours on Tuesday, September 29, 2020

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