

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2801
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2025**

e-Auction Norms of Selling Coal

2801. Dr. Thirumaavalavan Tholkappiyan:

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

- (a) whether the Government has changed the e-auction norms of selling coal during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the reasons for such changes;
- (c) whether the changes have facilitated participation of more buyers and more income to the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b): Government has approved in March, 2022, a new mechanism for e-auction of coal by the coal companies. The erstwhile sectoral e-auction windows of coal companies have been done away with and all the non-linkage coal of the coal companies is now sold through one e-auction window [Single Window Mode Agnostic (SWMA) e-auction] of Coal India Limited / Singareni Collieries Company Limited. This single window mode agnostic e-auction (SWMA e-auction) caters to all the Sectors viz. Power & Non-Regulated Sector including traders. The changes in the e-auction scheme were made in order to remove market distortions and to enhance fair competition amongst the coal consumers.

(c) & (d): SWMA e-auction of coal facilitates easy availability of coal through a simple, transparent and consumer friendly online system to all sections of coal buyers across the country. Any Indian Buyer (viz. individual, partnership firm, companies etc.) can participate in e-auction for procurement of coal. Coal booking through the e-auction mechanism is based on market-linked variables, including sectoral demand fluctuations and commercial strategy by participating consumers.

With the launch of SWMA e-auction by CIL in January, 2023, the booked quantity in the e-auctions has increased from 53.37 Million Tonne (MT) in the FY 2022-23 to 89.38 MT in FY 2024-25, with a growth of about 67.5%.
