

Facts on Auction of Tara (Revised) Coal Block

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Recently, reports have appeared in media on the auction of the Tara Coal block. These reports are misleading and incomplete facts have been used in these reports. These reports do not take into account the important developments that took place after 2023, which ultimately led to the auction of Tara (Revised) Coal Block in 2026.

It is a fact that the Tara coal block offered under the 7th Tranche in 2023 was taken out of commercial coal mine auctions as letter was received from Government of Chhattisgarh for the exclusion of coal blocks in Hasdeo Arand area from the commercial coal mine auctions.

Accordingly, the coal blocks in Hasdeo Arand area having overlap with Lemru elephant corridor were not offered in the subsequent tranches of commercial coal mine auctions.

However, a letter dated 11.12.2025 was received from Government of Chhattisgarh to include the Tara coal block stating that *“the coal block is outside the Lemru Elephant Corridor, and the coal block may be offered in the upcoming tranche of auction”*.

Accordingly, the coal block was put up for auction under the 15th round of commercial coal mine auction duly removing the influence zone of Lemru Elephant Corridor and has been successfully auctioned.

It is pertinent to mention that the coal block has gathered a lot of interest from the market. A total of 9 bids were received for the coal block under the 15th round. The Block has been auctioned at a revenue share of 37.50%. The Coal Block is expected to generate annual revenue of more than Rs 1200 crores to the state and generate employment for more than 8000 people.

It is clear from above that Tara Coal Block was excluded from auction in July 2023 after considering the concerns raised by the Government of Chhattisgarh. It was considered for auction again only after the State Government's communication dated 11.12.2025 and after revision of the block boundary by CMPDIL. Therefore, the reports do not present the complete facts and overlooks important developments that led to the auction of Tara (Revised) Coal Block.

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