



Ten Critical and Strategic Mineral Blocks Auctioned in Tranche V, Including 2 Potash Blocks for the First Time in India

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The tranche V auction of critical and strategic mineral blocks which was launched on 28th January, 2025 has concluded with successful auction of 10 out of 15 blocks put on auction. These 10 blocks comprise critical and strategic minerals such as Graphite, Phosphorite, Phosphate, Rare Earth Elements (REE), Vanadium, and for the first time, Potash and Halite Spread across Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. With this, the total number of blocks auctioned by the Central Government has reached 34.

A key milestone under Tranche V is the first-ever successful auction of a Potash block by the Government of India, marking a major step towards unlocking domestic Potash resources. The move is expected to catalyse Potash mining in the country, reduce reliance on imports, and strengthen support to the agriculture sector. This milestone also marks the first-ever successful auction of a critical & strategic mineral block in the State of Rajasthan.

Details of these 10 successfully auctioned blocks are as below:

Sl. No.	Name of Block	State	Mineral Name	Concession Type (ML/CL)	Name of the Preferred Bidder	Highest Financial Offer
1.	Oranga-Revatipur Graphite and Vanadium Block	Chhattisgarh	Graphite and Vanadium	ML	Coal India Limited	189

2.	Salepali Graphite Block	Odisha	Graphite	CL	Vinmir Resources Pvt Ltd	179
3.	Ganacharpura Graphite Block	Karnataka	Graphite	CL	R K Mineral Development Private Limited	271
4.	Surajpura Phosphorite Block	Madhya Pradesh	Phosphorite	CL	Sunflag Iron and Steel Company Limited	70.2
5.	Raipura Phosphorite and Limestone Block	Chhattisgarh	Phosphorite and Limestone	CL	NLC India Limited	08.6
6.	Semhardih Phosphorite and Limestone Block	Chhattisgarh	Phosphorite and Limestone	CL	NLC India Limited	11.0
7.	Dombarahalli Phosphate and REE Block	Karnataka	Phosphate and REE	CL	Ramgad Minerals and Mining Limited	02.5
8.	Jhandawali - Satipura Amalgamated Potash and Halite Block	Rajasthan	Potash and Halite	CL	Hindustan Zinc Limited	03.0

9.	Jorkian-Satipura-Khunja Amalgamated Potash and Halite Block	Rajasthan	Potash and Halite	CL	Oil India Ltd	15.1
10.	Nawatola-Laband REE Block	Uttar Pradesh	REE (Rare Earth Element)	CL	Hindustan Zinc Limited	3.55

Till date a total of 34 blocks have been successfully auctioned in 5 tranches out of 55 critical mineral blocks which were put for auction. Regular auction of critical mineral blocks is an important element in the strategy adopted by Ministry of mines towards building self-sufficiency in critical minerals in the country.

The Ministry of Mines is also focusing on exploration of critical minerals in the country and has launched National Critical Mineral Mission for development of critical mineral ecosystem in the country. The Ministry acknowledges valuable participation of industry stakeholders in auctions as well as other initiatives towards building self-sufficiency in critical minerals.

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