

**ORDER**

**Subject: Methodology for Auction of Coal Mines/Blocks for sale of coal under the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to Orders dated 28.05.2020 and 24.11.2021 (copy enclosed) on the subject mentioned above and to say that on the recommendations of the Empowered Committee of Secretaries, the Central Government has approved the following modification in the methodology for auction of coal mines/blocks identified under the relevant Act for sale of coal as mentioned in *para 2* below:

2. The para 2.1.5 (A) of Order dated 28.05.2020 on the subject mentioned above shall stand modified as under:-

**Upfront Amount:**

(A) The Upfront Amount shall be calculated at 0.20% of the value of estimated geological reserves of the coal mine. Value of estimated geological reserves shall be equal to the product of the following:

- (i) estimated quantity of geological reserves in the coal mine, and
- (ii) the representative price of relevant grade(s) of coal referred in para 2.1.3 (A)(iii)(a) of OM of even number dated 28.05.2020.

However, the upfront amount payable shall be as per actual calculation as per above method or as per ceiling mentioned here below, whichever is lower:-

Geological Reserves in mine (MT)	Upper ceiling of Upfront Amount (Rs. cr)
Upto 200	75
Above 200	500

3. All other terms & conditions will remain the same.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.



(Rishan Rynthiang)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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To,

(1) Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal

(2) Director (NA)/Director (P&S-I/P&S-II)

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