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Government of India  
Ministry of Coal  
(P&S-I Section)

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: *3rd* February, 2026

**NOTICE**

**Subject: Public consultation on draft amendment to rules contained in the Coal Block Allocation Rules, 2017**

Central Government has taken various initiatives aimed at promotion of Ease of Doing Business. In furtherance of the same, Ministry of Coal is planning for the introduction of Insurance Surety Bonds as performance security in addition to existing option of Bank Guarantee.

2. Accordingly, Ministry of Coal has prepared draft amendment in the Rule 8(4), Rule 8(5), Rule 8(8) and Rule 8(9) of the Coal Block Allocation Rules, 2017.

3. As part of the Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy, the draft notification is made available as **Annexure-I**. Comments/suggestions are invited from the general public, Government of States and Union Territories, mining industry stakeholders, industry associations, and other persons and entities concerned, on the draft notification.

4. All stakeholders are requested to send their comments/suggestions by e-mail in MS-Office Word format to the following email id within 30 days of publication of this notice:

*Email:* l.khamminthang@mea.gov.in

The subject of the e-mail should be “Comments/suggestions on the draft amendment to rules contained in Coal Block Allocation Rules, 2017”.

5. Alternatively, comments/suggestions may also be addressed to the Under Secretary (P&S-I Section), Ministry of Coal, Government of India, Room No 113, F-wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001.

The envelope may kindly be superscripted on top with:

**“Comments/suggestions on the draft amendment to rules contained in Coal Block Allocation Rules, 2017”.**

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To,

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister of Coal

2. PS to Hon'ble MoS (Coal)
3. PPS to Secretary (Coal)
4. PS to AS&NA
5. Chief Secretaries of all Coal/Lignite bearing States and UTs
6. Sr. T.D, NIC for uploading on website of Ministry of Coal
7. Chairman, Coal India Limited
8. Chairman, Singareni Collieries Company Limited
9. Chairman, Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited

**[To be published in Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3,  
Sub-section (i)]**

**MINISTRY OF COAL  
NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the January, 2026

G.S.R. (E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 13 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Coal Block Allocation Rules, 2017, namely:—

1. Short title and commencement.

(1) These rules may be called the Coal Blocks Allocation (First Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Coal Block Allocation Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as principal rules), in rule 2, after clause (s), the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

‘(sa) “performance security” means bank guarantee, insurance surety bond or any other financial instrument of similar nature as may be specified by the Central Government’

3. In the principal rules, in rule 8, for sub-rule (4),

- i. after the words “required to provide a performance”, for the words “bank guarantee”, the words “security” shall be substituted
- ii. after the words “and such performance”, for the words “bank guarantee”, the words “security” shall be substituted
- iii. after the words “upon invocation of the performance”, for the words “bank guarantee”, the words “security” shall be substituted
- iv. after the words “competitive bid for tariff (including Ultra Mega Power Project), the performance”, for the words “bank guarantee”, the words “security” shall be substituted

3. In the principal rules, in rule 8, for sub-rule (5), after the words "and providing performance", for the words "bank guarantee", the words "security as specified in sub-rule (4)" shall be substituted.

4. In the principal rules, in rule 8, for sub-rule (8),

- i. after the words "shall provide an unconditional and irrevocable performance", for the words "bank guarantee", the words "security" shall be substituted shall be substituted.
- ii. after the words "the amount equivalent to the performance", for the words "bank guarantee", the words "security" shall be substituted.
- iii. after the words "bid for tariff (including Ultra Mega Power Project), the performance", for the words "bank guarantee", the words "security" shall be substituted.

5. In rule 8, for sub-rule (9),

- i. after the words "The performance", for the words "bank guarantee", the words "security" shall be substituted.
- ii. after the words "submission of performance", for the words "bank guarantee", the words "security" shall be substituted.

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(Rupinder Brar)

Additional Secretary

Note:- The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) vide notification number G.S.R. 877(E), dated 13.7.2017 and subsequently amended vide notification number G.S.R. 300(E) dated the 18th May, 2020 and lastly amended vide notification number G.S.R. 394(E), dated 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.