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The chief minister said that additional coal of Rs. 4,140.21 crore being deposited to the state from the Centre for its own interest. He further mentioned that he has been allotted coal blocks in the state which should be made available to the state government immediately, for efficient implementation of measures and strictness is needed in the state of unusual conditions.

Referring to his letter sent on January 23, Mr Baghel said that the state government has the entitlement to receive the amount of additional levy as per the Union Coal Ministry's letter dated 27 August 2015 and mentioned the order issued by the Supreme Court in this regard, stating that the additional and prescribed amount of levy should eventually be payable to the state government.

Mr Baghel in his letter contended that, in accordance with the Coal Mines (Operation and Rehabilitation) Act, the state has the right to receive the additional levy for mining. But, the state is yet to receive the information about the additional amount being deposited to the Coal Ministry, at the rate of Rs. 295 per metric ton by the Centre by eight former coal blocks allottees.

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