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Title: Regarding RINL tender relating to coke oven batteries.-Laid

**SHRI MARGANI BHARAT (RAJAHMUNDRY):** RINL had turnaround last year and broke all previous records, be it production, sales, export, etc., and earned a profit of 835 crores and gross margin of 3,575 crores which was best ever since setting up of the plant. So, instead of encouraging it to do better, it seems, GOI is pulling it down in every possible way. Firstly, RINL is not being supplied coal due to Railways not giving rakes for coal transportation. Secondly, GOI has, on 25-06-2022, issued tender inviting interested parties to come and take over 2 coke oven batteries on contract basis. Batteries play an important role in steel production and handing over batteries under the garb of comprehensive battery maintenance is nothing but privatization of RINL which is not acceptable to workers and people of AP since more than 500 workers are working in each coke oven batteries.

Hence, I demand to immediately withdraw tender issued by Government.