

Location	No. of Sites
Dallupura	4
Jwalapuri Resettlement Scheme Zone G-17	3
Sukhdev Vihar	1
Total	8

These sites have been allotted to the LOI holders on the basis of their seniority in a draw held on 26.6.98. Similarly the Land & Development office has identified 26 sites as under :

Sl.No.	Location	No. of sites
1.	Rajghat	4
2.	Sardar Patel Marg	5
3.	INA	3
4.	Nanak Pura	3
5.	R.K. Puram Sector-4	2
6.	R.K. Puram Sector 6-7	4
7.	R.K. Puram Sector-2	1
8.	West Kidwai Nagar	4
Total		26

Out of the 26 sites identified, 18 have already been allotted. 7 sites have been proposed for allotment and one is vacant.

(c) and (d) There is no such provision for any preference for allotment of sites to SCs/STs, handicapped and freedom fighters category since the allotment of sites is made to Oil Companies.

Implementation of Remote Area Development Programme

4341.DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have assured the effective implementation of remote area development programme in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any concrete programme has been prepared by the State Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total amount that the Centre has agreed to provide to the State Government for implementation of the programme; and

(e) the areas that will be covered during 1998-99 by implementing the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.

Sponge Iron Plants in Orissa

4342.SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to set up some Sponge Iron Plants in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this regard so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) to (c) Government do not have any proposal at present to set up a sponge iron plant in Orissa. However, as per available information, M/s. Bamra Iron & Steel Company Limited have proposed to set up a Sponge Iron Plant with an annual capacity of 0.3 million tonnes at Bamra, Sambalpur District in the State of Orissa. Land for this project is yet to be acquired.

Problems of Industries

4343.SHRI JUAL ORAM : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Raw Magnesite which is unprocessed and untouched ore has been classified alongwith Dead Burnt Magnesite (DBM) which is Processed Magnesite;

(b) whether the Magnesite Industry, the Refractory Industry and Steel Industry are suffering seriously owing to this;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to save these industries and finances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) Yes, Sir. However, Raw Magnesite and DBM have been classified under separate sub-headings under the Customs Tariff Act.

(b) to (d) Representations have been received from the refractory industry in this regard suggesting differential Customs Tariff for Raw Magnesite and DBM. These are receiving the attention of the Government.