

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5140  
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GUIDELINES TO NALCO  
ANANTA NAYAK

**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Small Scale Industries (SSI) of Orissa State engaged in downstream aluminium Projects have been suffering on account Policy of NALCO; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to save the SSI of Orissa State?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) & (b) The aluminium sector is decontrolled and aluminium is in the Open General Licence category for Import/Export. Thus, the aluminium and its products are freely tradable.