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ACTIVITIES OF MMTC IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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- (a) the details of various activities of the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) in Orissa; (
- (b) the additional facilities proposed to be provided by the Government for them; (
- (c) whether priority is given on the recruitment of local tribals; and (
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) : Sir, the various activities in Orissa in which MMTC, a public sector undertaking under Department of Commerce, is engaged, includes the following:

- Export of minerals like iron ore, chrome ore and manganese ore produced in the State.
- Import of coke and coking coal, non-ferrous metals, gold and fertilizers for distribution in Orissa.
- Setting up of Steel Plant and Coke oven plant: MMTC is the managing promoter of the iron and steel plant namely Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd. (NINL); and coke oven and power plant namely Konark Met Coke Ltd. (KMCL) in association with Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Orissa Ltd. (IPICOL) and Orissa Mining Corporation (OMC), both Government of Orissa Undertakings.

(b) : Additional facilities/concessions etc. would be provided by the State Govt. of Orissa as per its Industrial Policy.

(c)&(d) : MMTC has not recruited any employees in Orissa in the last few years. However, Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd. (NINL), in which MMTC is the major promoter has recruited 30 tribals (STs) and 10 SCs from local area (Orissa) Besides this, 200 local tribals are indirectly given employment through various agencies, deployed for construction activities of iron and steel plant.