

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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OVERSEAS BUSINESS OF NALCO
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Aluminium Company Ltd., (NALCO) has started or proposed to start overseas business;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the investment proposed to be made thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T.SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) & (b): National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) has explored the possibility of setting up aluminium smelter in Middle East and engaged M/s Engineers India Limited (EIL) to conduct the feasibility study. The three countries considered for this purpose by EIL viz, Oman, Qatar and UAE have indicated about non-availability of gas in the region in view of commitments already made for some other plants.

(c): The investment required for setting up 0.5 million tonne smelter and 1250 MW power plant is approximately US\$ 3 Billion.