GOVERNMENT OF INDIA STEEL LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2466 ANSWERED ON:30.08.2007 SETTING UP OF STEEL PLANTS BY FOREIGN COMPANIES Oram Shri Jual;Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some foreign steel companies are either setting up or expressing their keenness to set up steel plants in Orissa and other States;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposals came to the notice of the Government; and
- (c) the norms prescribed by the Government for foreign companies to set up steel plants in States?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. As per available information M/s. Mittal Steel Company N.V. Netherlands and M/s. Pohang Steel Company (POSCO) of South Korea have signed Memoranda of Understanding with state Governments of Jharkhand and Orissa respectively showing interest to set up Integrated Steel Plants. The details of the proposals is as under: -

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S.No. Name of the company MoU signed Capacity Proposed
   with investment
   the State (in crores)

1 M/s. Pohang Steel Orissa 12 MTPA Rs. 51,000.00
Company (POSCO),
South Korea
2 M/s. Mittal Steel Orissa 12 MTPA Rs. 40,000.00
Company N.V. Nether-
lands
3 M/s. Mittal Steel s Jharkhand 12 MTPA Rs. 40,000.00
Company N.V. Nether-
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(c) As per the extant policy Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) upto 100% under the automatic route is allowed for setting up steel unit in India.