

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:207
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2007
SETTING UP OF NEW PLANTS BY NMDC
Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the public sector enterprise National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) has decided to set up new plants to increase the production of iron ore;
- (b) if so, the details of projects for increasing iron ore mining by NMDC in the year 2007-08;
- (c) whether the NMDC proposes to invest in the laying of railway lines upto the iron ore mines/plants with the cooperation of the Railways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.207 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2007, TABLED BY SHRI HANSRAJ G. AHIR, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING SETTING UP OF NEW PLANTS BY NMDC.

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. NMDC has planned to increase production of iron ore by setting up new projects. As the new projects have long gestation period, they would not be commissioned in the year 2007-08. However, the following new projects are under consideration:

- 1) Bailadila Iron Ore Deposit No. 11/B in Chhattisgarh with an initial production capacity of 3 million tonnes per annum(MTPA) by the year 2010-11, to be ramped up to 7.0 MTPA by the year 2012-13.
- 2) Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Project in Karnataka with an initial production capacity of 3 MTPA by the year 2010-11, to be ramped up to 7.0 MTPA by the year 2013-14.
- 3) Developing Bailadila Deposit-13 as a Joint Venture project having 10 MTPA capacity with Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation (CMDC), a Government of Chhattisgarh Enterprise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.