

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the NALCO proposes to expand its business overseas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;
- (c) whether the NALCO has finalised the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be signed with Indonesia in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the terms and conditions of the said MoU; and
- (e) the extent to which the capacity of the NALCO is likely to be increased by such overseas expansion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES(SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) is exploring possibilities to set up aluminium smelter abroad in countries like Indonesia, South Africa, Iran and Saudi Arabia, subject to availability of power at competitive cost and the viability of the project. However, as on date, there is no decision in this regard.

(c) to (e): A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed on 11th January, 2008 between NALCO and the Government of South Sumatera (GoSS), Indonesia to access requisite data for examining the feasibility of setting up 5 lakh metric tonne per annum aluminium smelter and 1250 mega watt power plant.