GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:612 ANSWERED ON:24.02.2009 PERIPHERAL DEVELOPMENT BY NALCO Tripathy Shri Braja Kishore

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent by the National Aluminium Company Limited(NALCO) on peripheral development during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the specific areas in the peripheries of NALCO plants developed during the above said period; and

(c) the details of benefits accruing to the people living in such areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) & (b): National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) has informed that peripheral development activities are taken up in villages within 10 kilometers radius of plant and also the District head quarters of Koraput and Angul.As desired by the Committee chaired by the concerned Revenue Divisional Commissioner, NALCO also takes up public utility projects at Bhubaneswar and other parts of Orissa depending upon requirements. The details of amount provided by NALCO for peripheral development activities and the actual expenditure during the last three years and the current year are as follows:-

(Rs.in lakhs) Year Provisions made Expenditure

2005-06 1319,79 689 2006-07 1562.20 582 2007-08 2381.38 715 2008-09 1631.52 1311 (upto December,2008)

(c): The development activities undertaken by NALCO broadly fall under two categories- constructional and non-constructional activities. Constructional activities involve construction and development of rural roads, culverts, bridges, rural schools, digging of tube wells, open wells, water harvesting schemes, supply of piped drinking water, etc. Non-constructional activities include arranging health camps, mobile health care services, village sanitation programmes, arranging rural games, krishi melas, sports and cultural activities, etc. All these activities have brought positive changes and improved quality of livelihood of local people.