

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3199

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MERGER OF KIOCL WITH NMDC

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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to merge Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) with National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) in order to revive it;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether P. Ganeshan Committee constituted for the purpose has submitted its report;
- (d) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Committee; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP)

(a)&(b): No, Madam.

(c) The Committee headed by Shri P. Ganeshan has submitted its report.

(d) After examining various alternatives, the Committee suggested that the better option for KIOCL is to continue on standalone basis with a capex plan to improve viability of its pellet plant and blast furnace, along with certain strategic measures to be adopted in the Company.

(e) In tune with the above recommendation, various measures to enable KIOCL for continuing as a viable standalone company are being pursued and these are being closely monitored by the Government.