

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5502  
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AGREEMENT BETWEEN POSCO AND SAIL  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the leading South Korean steel manufacturing company POSCO has signed an agreement with Steel Authority of India Ltd. to set up a steel factory in Bokaro, Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the investment likely to be made for the purpose;
- (c) the likely shares of the both companies in the said joint venture project;
- (d) whether the SAIL is likely to buy the material from the said factory to prepare steel for vehicles; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(e): Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is examining possibilities of entering into joint venture initiatives with international steel producers. With this aim, SAIL and POSCO entered into a MoU on 27.8.2009 which provided for joint initiatives for possible establishment of a FINEX technology based steel plant at Bokaro, Jharkhand or any other location. A proposal from POSCO to this effect is at present under consideration with SAIL. A final decision on these would depend upon the techno-commercial feasibility of the projects and the benefits to SAIL.