

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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COMPLAINTS AGAINST POSCO  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received complaints from various stakeholders against the proposed project of the South Korean company POSCO in coastal Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has carried out or proposes to undertake an environment impact assessment of POSCO project which involves setting up an integrated steel and power plant, a private port and mining of over 600 million tonnes of Orissa's high grade iron ore; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b)The Ministry of Environment & Forests has received representations regarding the transfer of forest land vis-À-vis the forest rights of the tribal and forest dwellers to M/s POSCO India – Orissa Pvt. Ltd., (POSCO) subsidiary of a South Korean Company. The State Government of Orissa has been requested to settle the aforesaid forest rights before transfer of forest land. Environmental clearance has been accorded by the Ministry to the proposed project of POSCO in coastal Orissa for setting up of Integrated Iron & Steel Plant (4.0 MTPA) with Captive Power Plant (4x100 MW) at Kujang, near Paradip, Jagatsinghpur, Orissa to POSCO on 19th July, 2007. Further environment clearance for the private port of POSCO was accorded on 15th May, 2007. However, no proposal for mining of over 600 million tonnes of Orissa's high grade iron ore is received in the Ministry, as on date.

(c)&(d)Environmental Impact Assessment Studies for the above Integrated Iron & Steel Plant (4.0 MTPA) with Captive Power Plant (4x100 MW) and the private port were carried out by POSCO and based on these, the two environmental clearances as above were accorded.