

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF STEEL PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of proposals relating to land acquisition, environmental and forest clearance for iron-ore mines and setting up of steel plants are pending for approval;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal for setting up of any steel plant nearby iron-ore mines in forest areas in the country;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to set up a steel plant nearby iron-ore mines in Surajgarh in Vidarbha district of Maharashtra; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Large integrated steel projects are resource intensive involving land acquisition, forest clearance, allocation of raw material resources, power and water supply. These issues are dealt by the concerned Ministries and State Governments, in accordance with the relevant Acts, Rules and Policies. Ministry of Steel is, however, closely monitoring the issues in respect of the Public Sector Units under its administrative control. According to the information available, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) have no pending land acquisition. NMDC Limited, which is setting up a 3.0 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) steel project at Nagarnar in Chhattisgarh has a land requirement of 1772.16 acres, out of which 995 acres of land is in its possession.

The detailed status of forest clearance application under process in respect of SAIL and NMDC Limited are enclosed at Annexure.

(c): There is no specific provision regarding locational set up of the plants, as long as the location is in compliance with forest, environmental and other such relevant legal provisions. Therefore such proposals do not require the approval of the Central Government.

(d) & (e): According to the information furnished by Government of Maharashtra, M/s. Surjagarh Steel and Mines Pvt. Ltd., Gadchiroli desires to set up an integrated steel plant in the district at M.I.D.C. Area, Gadchiroli, which is located at a distance of 160 Km. from the iron ore reserves and M/s. Lloyd Metals and Engineers Ltd. have submitted proposal for Beneficiation and Pelletisation plant in Gadchiroli, M.I.D.C.