

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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SHIFTING OF OFFICE OF NMDC
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request regarding the shifting of the Head Quarter of National Mineral Development Corporation from Hyderabad to Jagdalpur; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard by the Government so far?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam. Ministry of Steel had received a few requests including requests from the Government of Chhattisgarh for transfer of Headquarter of NMDC from Hyderabad to Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh.

(b) The matter was examined in consultation with NMDC. It has been decided that NMDC is a multi-unit, multi-product and multi-locational organisation as it is having production units not only in Chhattisgarh, but also in Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka. Besides, NMDC has also planned projects in various other states. The present location of Head office at Hyderabad has not come in any way against the development of the area around its mines in Chhattisgarh, as NMDC is continuously striving for upliftment of the people living around its projects in Chhattisgarh. Therefore, there is no justification for shifting its headquarters from Hyderabad to Chhattisgarh. Further, the transfer of Headquarter of NMDC Ltd. from Hyderabad to Chhattisgarh will only upset the well-established systems at NMDC and may result in considerable waste of public money, besides adversely affecting proper administration of an established corporation. It is also added that similar demands and counter-demands may also be made by other State Governments, thereby adversely affecting inter-state relationship.