

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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RAOGHAT PROJECT
Pandey Saroj

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Raoghat project launched to meet the prospective iron ore requirements for the Bhilai Steel Plant is facing execution difficulties due to security reasons; and

(b) if so, the action plan proposed by the Government for streamlining the implementation of the project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. Development of the mine and rail line at Rowghat are getting delayed on account of security reasons. This has affected tree cutting activities and undertaking further steps for mine development and construction of rail line. The need for providing adequate security has been taken up with appropriate authorities in the State Government of Chhattisgarh on several occasions. Early development of Rowghat mine solely depends on restarting of tree cutting activities at Rowghat and Ministry of Steel is taking up the matter with concerned authorities of Government so that deforestation work and related activities are taken on fast track.