

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) proposes to buy stakes in a Brazilian company called Mplus;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the expenditure likely to be incurred on the purchase of the stake in that company;
- (d) whether NMDC has purchased stakes in any Australian company also during the last three years;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the total expenditure incurred by NMDC in purchasing the stakes in the said companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(c): NMDC has signed an MoU with Amplus Mineracao Ltd, a company having iron ore concessions in Brazil, for acquisition of equity in the project. In absence of due diligence, it is not possible to indicate the expenditure for acquisition of stake in the project at this stage.

(d)to(f): NMDC has acquired 50% equity shares in Legacy Iron Ore Ltd., an Australian company, at a total value of Australian Dollar (A\$) 18.89 million through subscription of new shares.