

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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NMDC

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme for the expansion of the mining operations has been initiated by the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the NMDC in this regard;

(d) whether the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) and NMDC have entered into a MoU for setting up of a slurry pipeline and a pellet plant in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the present status thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(c): Yes, Madam. NMDC has plan to increase production of iron ore from the present level of around 27 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) to 40 MTPA by the year 2014-15. NMDC has taken steps to increase production of iron ore to 32.5 MTPA from its mines at Kirandul and Bachel Complex in Bailadila, Chhattisgarh and 7.5 MTPA from Donimalai and Kumarswamy mines in Donimalai Sector, Karnataka. NMDC has also formed a Joint Venture company with the Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation (CMDC) to develop Deposit 13 & Deposit 4 Mine in Bailadila Sector with capacity of 10 MTPA and 7 MTPA iron ore respectively.

(d)&(e): NMDC and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 24.05.2012 for setting up projects for pipeline transport of iron ore concentrate from Jagadapur, Chhattisgarh to Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh and setting up filtration plant and pellet plant at Visakhapatnam. A working group involving representatives from NMDC and RINL has been formed for taking necessary action in this regard.