

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4375
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SETTING UP OF SPONGE IRON FACTORY
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government played any facilitator role in setting up the Sponge Iron Factory in Bamanghati Sub-division of Mayurbhanj district of Odisha; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Iron and Steel industry including the sponge iron industry is in the de-regulated sector and decision regarding setting up of steel/ sponge iron plant is taken by the individual companies. However, Central Government acts basically as a facilitator for growth of steel sector. For this, an Inter – Ministerial Group (IMG) has been set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Steel) with representatives of concerned Ministries/ Departments and State Governments as Members. As per available records pertaining to IMG meeting, the matter relating to setting up of Sponge Iron Factory in Bamanghati Sub-division of Mayurbhanj district of Odisha has not been raised before the IMG.