

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1556
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BOKARO STEEL PLANT
Ram Shri Purnmasi

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the date on which the Bokaro Steel Plant was established;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the issues of the people displaced in Jharkhand due to the setting up of steel factories, particularly Bokaro Steel Plant;
- (c) the total number of people provided with compensation and employment along with the number of pending cases;
- (d) whether the Bokaro Steel Plant proposes to return the unutilised land to the original land owners;
- (e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be returned and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the policy being adopted by the Government in such matters?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a) Bokaro Steel Limited (BSL) was incorporated as a limited Company on 29th January, 1964.

(b)&(c): The land for setting up of public sector steel plants is acquired by concerned State Government as per the provisions of Land Acquisition Act. The Rehabilitation/Compensation and other issues of displaced persons are dealt with by the competent authority under the Land and Rehabilitation policies of the concerned State Government.

The number of families displaced at the time of setting up of BSL during 1972 was 6019. However, due to fragmentation in families, the Director, Project Land and Rehabilitation increased the number of displaced families and as on 31.5.1988 the number of displaced families was 13309. The BSL has so far provided employment to more than 16000 displaced persons which is more than the numbers of families displaced at the time of setting of the plant. The employment of displaced persons is being regulated in terms of guidelines which have been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India whereby other things being equal, displaced persons are considered and given preference for employment.

At present, there are no cases satisfying the eligibility criteria pending for compassionate appointment at the Bokaro Steel Plant.

(d)to(f): Bokaro Steel Plant does not have any surplus land. The available land of Bokaro Steel Plant has been used for the existing Plant, Township and related facilities including its ongoing expansion projects and further land would be needed for meeting future expansion plans.