

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF NEW PLANT BY NMDC
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Mineral Development Corporation has decided to set up a new plant to increase the production of iron ore in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the expansion project for increasing the mining of iron ore by National Mineral Development Corporation during 2008-09;
- (c) whether NMDC with the collaboration of Railways proposes to invest in laying railway line to the iron ore mines/plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL(SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP)

- (a) Yes, Madam, NMDC has proposed to set up two new mines along with required OCSL (Ore crushing screening and loading plant).
- (b) NMDC had taken up following expansion projects for increasing the capacity of the existing iron ore mines during 2008-09:
 - (i) Bailadila Iron Ore Project, Deposit No.5: 6 to 10 Million Tonne Per Annum(MTPA)
 - (ii) Bailadila Iron Ore Project, Deposit No.14: 3.2 to 5 MTPA
 - (iii) Bailadila Iron Ore Project, Deposit No.11C: 5 to 7 MTPA
 - (iv) Donimalai Iron Ore Project: 4 to 7 MTPA

Further, following new iron ore projects were taken up by NMDC:

- (i) Developing Bailadila Iron Ore Project-11/B Iron ore mine of 7 MTPA Capacity at Kirandul in the State of Chhattisgarh. Project is likely to be commissioned in 2010.
 - (ii) Developing Kumaraswamy iron ore mine of 7 MTPA Capacity in the State of Karnataka. Project is likely to be commissioned in 2012.
- (c)&(d): Yes, Madam. NMDC has a 15% equity participation in Krishnapatnam Railway Company. This line connects Obulavaripalle to Krishnapatnam. NMDC has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SAIL and Railways for development of Railway Line between Jagdalpur to Rowghat.