

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3222  
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SPONGE IRON FACTORY IN ODISHA  
Tudu Shri Laxman

**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government acted as facilitator to set up the Sponge Iron Factory in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status of the said factory?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): Steel Industry, including Sponge Iron, being in de-regulated sector, decisions regarding setting up of sponge iron factory are taken by the individual investors themselves and the role of Government is that of a facilitator.

(b): In order to promote the domestic steel industry, the Government has constituted an Inter – Ministerial Group (IMG) under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Steel) in July 2007 to monitor, facilitate and coordinate on the issues concerning major steel investments in the country related to infrastructure, raw material supply, environment clearance and other resources constraints. IMG meets at regular intervals to discuss and find ways to resolve issues of steel sector pending with Central Ministries or State Governments.

(c): As per available records pertaining to IMG meetings, the matter relating to setting up of Sponge Iron Factory in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha has not been raised before the IMG.