

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1673
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CLEARANCE TO STEEL PLANT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has accorded sanction/clearance to POSCO, an Integrated Steel Plant in the State of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has imposed some pre-conditions in clearing the project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it has been committed by the project developers to take sustainable green initiatives and effective measures for conserving land and marine environment of the area; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (f) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) accorded Environment Clearance to M/s Posco India Private Limited, on 19th July 2007, for setting up of Integrated Iron and Steel Plant (4.0 MTPA) with Captive Power Plant (4x100MW) at Kujang, near Paradip, Jagatsinghpur in Odisha, subject to environmental safeguards including green belt development, provision of independent process wastewater treatment facility and development of rain water harvesting structures etc. M/s Posco India Private Limited has to comply with all specific and general conditions stipulated in the Environment Clearance. Thereafter, M/s Posco India Private Limited has requested MoEF for the revalidation of the Environment Clearance. The proposal of revalidation of Environment Clearance was considered in the Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry) in its sixth meeting held during 5-7th March, 2013 and further reconsidered in its eighth meeting held during 16-17th May, 2013. The Committee recommended for the revalidation of the environmental clearance granted to M/s POSCO India Private Limited subject to environmental safeguards. MoEF has sought further information on Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance of captive port project of M/s Posco India Private Limited before according the revalidation of the environmental clearance of Steel Plant.