

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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NALCO PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of projects being currently under- taken by NALCO for which capital budget has been allocated along with the associated deve- lopment made in each of these project;
- (b) whether NALCO proposes to set up wind power projects in Odisha and invest in Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof project-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL & MINES (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a): Details of major projects for which capital budget has been allocated for FY 2014-15 are as under:

1. Utkal-E Coal Mine Project:

Investment approval for Utkal-E Coal Mine Project was accorded in 2007. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 337.61 crore at May, 2011 price level, having mineable coal reserve of 67.49 million tons. Expenditure for the project till January, 2015 is Rs. 127.41 crore. However, the Coal Block was de-allocated as per Hon'ble Supreme Court verdict dated 24.09.2014.

2. Alumina Refinery in Gujarat:

The Company has planned to set up a 1 MTPA Alumina Refinery in JV with Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC) at an invest- ment of Rs. 6,263 crore for which DPR has been prepared. Discussions with GMDC are continuing.

3. Pottangi Mines & 5th Stream of Alumina Refinery:

The Company has planned to set up a 1 MTPA new stream of Alumina Refinery at Damanjodi (linked to Pottangi Bauxite deposit) at an invest- ment of Rs. 5,540 crore for which DPR has been prepared and financial appraisal has been completed.

Government of India vide gazette notification in April 2007 has reserved the deposit in favour of NALCO. Recommendation of Govt. of Odisha for mining lease of Pottangi deposit is required.

4. Caustic Soda Project:

The Company has planned to set up a 2 lakh TPA Caustic Soda Plant in JV with Gujarat Alkalies & Chemicals Limited (GACL) at an investment of Rs. 900 crore. The DPR including captive power plant is under finalisation.

5. 100 MW Wind Power Plant:

The company has decided to set up 100 MW Wind Power Plant(s) at a suitable location(s) in the Country at an investment of Rs 660 crore.

(b): NALCO proposes to set up wind power project in the mined out area of its bauxite mines in Damanjodi, Koraput District of Odisha. NALCO has no plan to invest in Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPP).

(c): The Company has prepared feasibility report to set up 14 MW wind power project in the mined out area of its bauxite mines in Damanjodi at an estimated investment of Rs 82 crores.