

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2112
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2015
Steel Project of POSCO
Panda Shri Baijayant "Jay"

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to facilitate POSCO's steel project at Paradip in Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has considered the request of the Odisha Government to grant prospecting license to POSCO for the said project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)
STEEL AND MINES

(a)to(d): Government of India (Ministry of Mines) had received a proposal of the Government of Odisha for grant of Prospecting Licence to POSCO for iron ore in Odisha. On 7th April, 2015, Government of India has advised the State Government of Odisha to examine whether the application is eligible under Section 10A of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015. In case the application is eligible Government of India will take further action based on the recommendation of the State Government.
