

Title: Need to direct NALCO to ensure timely supply of raw material to small scale industries in Orissa.

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO (DHENKANAL): The utensil units in the small and tiny scale sector in Orissa are facing a severe crisis at present. The reasons of their crisis are not far to seek. These small scale industries virtually depend on NALCO to get their requirement of aluminium ingots for manufacturing different accessories. But these SSIs do not get the raw material supplies from NALCO in time. Even after more than one month's lapse from the date of depositing money they do not get the raw materials. This inordinate delay is causing great hardship for these units as they fail to meet the market need following the irregularities in production due to short supply of raw materials from NALCO.

If the situation continues like this, these small scale units will have to close down their units. Hundreds of skilled and unskilled workers, most of whom come from the weaker sections of the society, will be thrown out of employment.

I urge upon the Government to direct NALCO to enhance raw material supply to the downstream and fabrication units in time and at the earliest.