

Title: Need to address the problems faced by the ancillary units set up around Rourkela Steel Plant in Sundergarh district, Orissa due to lack of work orders.

SHRI JUAL ORAM (SUNDERGARH): The ancillary units in Orissa, particularly Sundergarh district are facing crisis due to non-placement of orders by Rourkela Steel Plant. Most of these units were set up around Rourkela with a hope that adequate work orders will be received by them from the steel plant after it has been modernized and expanded. But it is regrettable that even the ancillary units in Sundargarh district have not been given priority and several work orders have been withdrawn by Rourkela Steel Plant on some pretext or the other. As a result of that several units in that district have either been closed down or are on the verge of closure resulting into large scale retrenchment particularly of local youths, most of whose families are displaced due to the establishment of the Rourkela Steel Plant Now they have no other means of livelihood.

I request the Government to instruct the Steel Authority of India to intervene in the matter and issue necessary instruction to Rourkela Steel Plant to extend help to local ancillary units without any further delay.