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Title: Need to set up a steel plant in Mayurbhanj Parliamentary Constituency of Odisha.

SHRI LAXMAN TUDU (MAYURBHANJ): Madam Speaker I thank you from the depth of my heart for giving me this opportunity to say a few words in this august House.

Madam, according to the reply given by the hon. Minister of Steel, Shri Beni Prasad Verma, to my Unstarred Question No. 2773 dated 12.12.2011, I am happy to inform you that as per the National Mineral Inventory, as on 1.4.2010, the reserves/resources of medium to high grade iron ore in Bamanghati Taluka in my parliamentary constituency Mayurbhanj district of Odisha is presently in deposit of 25,803 million tonnes. But I am sorry to say that in spite of availability of such a large reserve of iron ore in my constituency, no private individual/corporate investors have shown any interest in setting up any steel industry/plant including sponge iron factory in my tribal and backward constituency. So, this sector was to be deregulated long back. Because of this, it leads to economic backwardness of the poor tribals of my constituency.

Therefore, I request the hon. Minister of Steel, through you Madam and through this august House, to take necessary steps immediately for setting up a steel industry/plant by the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) in my tribal and backward constituency for the socio-economic upliftment of the poor tribals and the unemployed mass of my constituency.