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Title: Need to set up a green field steel plant by SAIL in Mayurbhanj district in Odisha.

SHRI LAXMAN TUDU (MAYURBHANJ): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak in this august House.

Sir, I would like to express the views of the people of my constituency regarding the demand of making available a minimum of 1500 acres of suitable land by the Ministry of Steel for setting up green-field steel plant project by SAIL in my parliamentary constituency, Mayurbhanj, Odisha. I would like to say in this regard that it will not be a barrier as it is the largest district in Odisha and every family is ready to donate a piece of their land for the sake of the nation.

Sir, I would also like to mention that the hon. Minister of Steel himself had agreed and rightly stated in his reply to my Unstarred Question No. 2773 that there is a huge deposit of about 25,803 million tonnes of high grade iron ore in Bamanghati Taluka of my parliamentary constituency, Mayurbhanj. I must not forget to add that for transportation of raw materials, the NH 18 and NH 49 and another NH, namely, Ranchi –Vijaywada are passing through the heart of my district. Moreover, railway tracks connecting places, namely, Rupsa-Bangriposi, Tata – Badampahad and new connection Buramara-Chakulia to Tata-Kharagpur are anxiously waiting for SAIL to facilitate connection with Dhamara, Paradeep and Haldia Port.

Sir, considering the availability of all suitable requirements for setting up of a steel plant, I would like to request the hon. Minister of Steel, through you, to plan and set up a green-field steel plant in my district. I am also confident and would like to assure the Government that my State Government will provide all possible help for the same.

Sir, I would like to say that this project will not only be a milestone but will also help improve the socio-economic status of tribals and backward people and generate employment for poor unemployed youths of my district.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members are allowed to associate themselves with the submission made by Shri Laxman Tudu.

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