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Title: Need to set up a steel plant in YSR district of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY (KADAPA): I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Speaker with regard to promise made on the floor of the august House with regard to establishment of Steel Plant in YSR District of Andhra Pradesh.

Madam, Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Bill 2014 in its 13th Schedule clearly mentioned the establishment of a steel plant in YSR District. Subsequently, a team comprising of six officials from SAIL had surveyed in different places of YSR District in June, 2014 itself. As a local MP, I have also participated in the Survey.

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Member, you have to read only what is written in the text.

SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY: The SAIL has submitted a report to the Steel Ministry for taking necessary action. I have written four letters on 4.2.2015, 5.5.2015 and recently on 2.11.2015 and 17.12.2015 to the hon. Steel Minister to expedite the matter.

I have received a reply from the hon. Steel Minister dated 25.2.2016 informing me that this is referred to a Task Force comprising of State and Central Government officials, to deliberate the matter further. The people of the Rayalaseema strongly believe that if the Government of India gives necessary incentives, then, SAIL will set up steel plant in YSR District immediately. Nearly two years have passed so far but no progress has been made in this matter. The people of the Rayalaseema Region` are eagerly waiting for establishment of the steel plant in this backward area which will entail considerable infrastructure and economic development along with employment generation.

In view of the above, through you, I urge upon the hon. Minister of Steel to look into the matter and initiate setting up of integrated steel plant at the earliest in the YSR District of Andhra Pradesh which will be a boon to the people of the backward Rayalaseema Region. `