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

SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY (KADAPA): I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the promise made on the floor of the August House on the establishment of Steel plant in YSR Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh.

AP Reorganization Act, 2014 in its 13th Schedule clearly mentioned the establishment of a steel plant in YSR Kadapa district. I wrote several letters to the Hon'ble Minister for Steel and I have also raised this issue in the House, but till today this promise has not been fulfilled. It has been two years since the formation of new state. Hon'ble Minister replied that a task force had been formed comprising of representatives from Central and State Government, SAIL RINL and NMDC on 4.8.2015 to suggest ways and means to make the project financially viable and in the last meeting of task force held on 18.3.2016, it has been decided that feasibility report will be reexamined on the basis of information of concessions/incentives which can be made available for the project. But the people of our district are very anxiously waiting to hear the date of laying of foundation stone for steel plant from the Government of India. If this issue is further delayed, people of our district will launch serious agitations and I, as their representative in this House of People, am prepared to make any sacrifice to ensure that the promise made in Parliament as a part of AP Reorganization Act, 2014 is fulfilled.

In view of the above, I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister to expedite the matter and initiate steps for setting up of steel plant at the earliest in YSR kadappa district of Andhra Pradesh, which will be a boon to the people of backward Rayalaseema Region.