

## **Regarding establishment of an integrated steel plant in Andhra Pradesh-Laid**

**SHRI Y. S. AVINASH REDDY (KADAPA):** A decade has passed since the promise was made to take all necessary steps to establish the integrated Steel Plant in the YSR District. It is unfortunate that there has been an inordinate delay in setting up the integrated steel plant by SAIL. The Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act 2014 has not been followed in letter and in spirit by the Central Government because of this delay, Andhra Pradesh Ex - CM had to take significant steps towards establishing the Steel Plant at Kadapa. The Integrated Steel Plant is anticipated to have a capacity of up to 3 million tonnes per annum for the production of high-grade steel products. The Andhra Pradesh Government has also successfully undertaken the construction of basic infrastructure works, including an approach road, a dedicated railway line and high-tension power and water supply. The steel plant faces the issue of availability of iron ore due to issues related to the demarcation of the boundary between Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. This matter needs to be resolved to facilitate the operation of three iron ore mines in Anantapur through auction or as the leases for these mines have expired, expedite the process of renewing the lease.