

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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ESTABLISHMENT OF STEEL PLANT IN ORISSA BY SOUTH KOREANS

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to set up a steel plant in Orissa by a South Korean Steel giant with large Foreign Direct Investment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present stage of the negotiations in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): As per information made available by Government of Orissa, Pohang Steel Company of South Korea has evinced interest for setting up of a port based 12 million tones per annum integrated steel plant in Orissa with an investment of about Rs. 40,000 crores. The first module of 3 million tones per annum is expected to be completed in 2009. Thereafter, 3 million tones per annum will be added every two years so as to reach the full capacity of 12 million tones per annum. No final decision has so far been taken by the Government of Orissa on the proposal of Pohang Steel Company of South Korea.