

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3729  
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REQUIREMENT OF IRON ORE  
Zahedi Shri Mahboob

**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of Orissa proposes to hand over the iron ore zones to multi nationals on the plea of a step to help the steel industry;
- (b) if so, whether the Government of Orissa has signed an agreement with various private companies including the multi national POSCO of South Korea for their proposed steel industry at Paradip; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for handing over the iron ore zones to multi nationals?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.