

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:663
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PERMISSION TO POSCO
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the South Korean 'Pohang Steel Company (POSCO)' has sought permission from the Union Government to carry out the extraction activities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the places for which the proposal to instal this plant has been received;
- (d) whether the said permission has since been granted; and
- (e) if not, the time likely to be taken therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) The Union Government is yet to receive any proposal for grant of Prospecting Licence or Mining Lease of iron ore to Pohang Steel Company.
- (b)to(e): Do not arise in view of (a) above.