

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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MERGER OF NSC WITH SAIL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to merge Nilanchal Steel Corporation, Maharashtra, Electrosmelt and Manganese Ore (India) with SAIL;
- (b) if so, the present status thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the Government is likely to take decision in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a)to(c): There is no proposal to merge Nilanchal Steel Corporation with SAIL. However, the Government proposes to merge Nilanchal Ispat Nigam Ltd. (NINL) with Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and further steps are underway.

As regards the merger of Maharashtra Elektros melt Ltd.(MEL) and Manganese Ore India Ltd. (MOIL) with SAIL, both the issues were referred to the Expert Group, constituted by the Ministry of Steel, to evaluate the feasibility of various proposals for merger of PSUs under the Ministry. The Expert group in its report has recommended the merger of MEL with SAIL. In respect of MOIL, the Group has advised to retain MOIL for the present as an independent Company. The Ministry has accepted the recommendations of the Expert Group. The process for merger of MEL with SAIL has been initiated.