

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2836
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STRIKE IN NALCO .
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the employees of NALCO smelter plant in Orissa went on strike;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) Whether the production of aluminium was affected by the said strike; and
- (d) if so, the details and financial loss suffered to NALCO?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. After the publication of the news item during third week of June 2006, regarding Government's decision on disinvestment of 10% shares of NALCO, there were protests against the decision from all the Unions and Officers' Associations of the Company. The Trade Unions and Officers' Associations of the Company formed Coordination Committee at respective Sectors i.e. Angul, Damanjodi and Bhubaneswar. As per the decision taken by the said Coordination Committee, there was strike for 24 hours on 23.6.2006 and on 30.6.2006 at Smelter Plant at Angul.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Due to the work stoppage on 23.6.2006 and 30.6.2006, the production of aluminium at Smelter Plant, Angul was affected. The quantum of aluminium metal production loss was to the tune of 1908 MT and the approximate net financial loss on this count is Rs. 6.46 crores.