

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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ACTIVITIES OF MMTC IN ORISSA .
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) and its major promoters has recruited local tribals in Orissa;
- (b) If so, the number of persons engaged by MMTC in the State during 2004-05 and 2005-06;
- (c) The details of activities undertaken by the corporation in the State during the said period; and
- (d) The additional facilities proposed to be provided by the Government to them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. MMTC has a Regional Office (RO) at Bhubaneswar and Field Offices at Barbil and Paradip. The total manpower of RO Bhubaneswar including its Sub Regional Offices is 173, out of which 42 belongs to ST and 41 belongs to SC category.
- (c) MMTC in Orissa deals in export and import of minerals, pig iron, coal, non-ferrous metals, fertilizers, precious metals etc.
- (d) It has been the endeavour of the Government to continually formulate policies for the upliftment of tribal population with a view to bring them into the mainstream.