

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF GREEN FIELD SMELTER BY NALCO  
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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) proposes to construct green field smelter in the middle east;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received complaints from NALCO authority regarding refusal of gas supply from foreign countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a): In order to explore the possibility of setting up an aluminium smelter in the middle east, National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) had engaged M/s Engineers India Ltd. (EIL) to conduct a study.
- (b): EIL prepared a pre-feasibility report on setting up an aluminium smelter in Oman, UAE and Qatar in the middle-east.
- (c) to (e): NALCO has informed this Ministry that Oman, Qatar and UAE have indicated about non-availability of gas in the region in view of commitments already made for new plants coming up.