

**Title:** Need to take steps to protect the interests of aluminium industry in the country particularly in Orissa – Laid.

DR. PRASANNA KUMAR PATASANI (BHUBANESWAR) : National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) is considered to be a turning point in the history of the Indian Aluminium industry. As of today being an ISO 9002 & 14001 company, NALCO has emerged as the largest integrated bauxite-alumina-aluminium complex in Asia. It is also a fact that company's turnover and profit are increased from 10% in 1997-98 to 40% in 2000-2001. It is also expected that the net profit will be around Rs.1000 crores per annum.

NALCO is the only highly profitable and supporting organisation in the State of Orissa for its economic and social development. Keeping the above things in view, I would request the Union Government to take such steps so that it would benefit both the employees and the Indian aluminium industry. Thus NALCO should not go in for disinvestment.