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Title: Need to award adequate work orders to ancillary units by Rourkela Steel Plant and NALCO in Orissa. – Laid.

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO (DHENKANAL) : The ancillary units set up in Dhenkanal, Angul, Jharsuguda, Sundargarh, Deogarh and Keonjhar districts in Orissa are facing severe crisis due to non-placement of orders by Rourkela Steel Plant and NALCO. Most of these units have come up around the RSP and NALCO with the hope that adequate work orders will be received by them as the Steel Plant and NALCO are going for modernisation and expansion. Even the contract and supply orders placed by Rourkela Steel Plant to some ancillary units in Sundergarh district where the steel plant is located are not being given priority and in some cases the orders are withdrawn on some pretext or the other. These units are facing closure and in the event of the closure of any such units, thousands of workers, most of whom have been given jobs either directly or indirectly by these units will be thrown out of employment. Unless immediate steps are taken by the Government to ask Rourkela Steel Plant to liberalise its attitude towards the local units the future of the employees and thousands of workers, most of whom are tribals, will be bleak.

I request the Government that the contract and supply orders awarded to these units be restored and they may be given extension of time till reasonable period to complete the contract.