

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *147
FOR ANSWER ON 31.07.2026

REHABILITATION OF FAMILIES AFFECTED BY STEEL PROJECTS IN ODISHA

*147. DR. SASMIT PATRA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of families displaced by major steel projects in Odisha;
- (b) the status of rehabilitation, employment and compensation provided;
- (c) whether any rehabilitation obligations remain pending; and
- (d) the measures taken to ensure compliance with rehabilitation commitments?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA)
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED (*) QUESTION NO. *147 FOR ANSWER ON 31.07.2026 TABLED BY DR. SASMIT PATRA, MEMBER OF PARLIAMERNT REGARDING “REHABILITATION OF FAMILIES AFFECTED BY STEEL PROJECTS IN ODISHA”

(a)to(d): Steel is a deregulated sector. Land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R), employment and compensation for steel projects are the responsibility of the respective project proponents and the concerned State Governments in accordance with the applicable laws and policies. The Ministry of Steel does not maintain centralized information on the number of displaced families, the status of rehabilitation, pending R&R obligations or project-wise compliance.

However, in respect of the Steel Authority of India Limited's Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) under administrative control of Ministry of Steel, land was acquired by the Government of Odisha in the 1950s under the Land Acquisition Act (Orissa Act XVIII of 1948), and compensation was paid to the affected landowners. As per Government records, 4,094 families (2,901 from Rourkela and 1,193 from Mandira) were displaced. While the Act did not provide for employment to displaced persons, RSP, as a rehabilitative measure, extended preference in employment to Local Displaced Persons (LDPs), identified by the State Government and availability of vacancies. So far, 6,707 LDPs have been provided employment by Steel Authority of India Limited(SAIL)/RSP.
