

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1262**  
FOR ANSWER ON 30.07.2024

**ALLOCATION OF IRON ORE BLOCK**

1262. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has submitted its proposal/request to the Government of Odisha for allocation of iron ore block through reservation route to Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of each correspondence/persuasive measures taken by the Government to ensure that iron ore block is given to RINL since its first proposal;
- (c) the present status of allocation of iron ore block to RINL; and
- (d) whether any other iron ore block is proposed to be given to RINL on reservation basis and, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a)to(d): Government of India has sent a proposal to Government of Odisha for reservation of one of the iron ore blocks of Malangtoli and Khandadhar in Keonjhar District, Odisha, under Section 17(1A) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act) in favour of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) vide letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. Reminders were issued to State Government of Odisha vide letters dated 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 and 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. No response has been received from Government of Odisha. RINL has also requested various State Governments viz. Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Chhatisgarh for reservation of iron ore blocks under Section 17A of MMDR Act, 2015. No captive iron ore mine has been allocated to RINL so far.

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