

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2112**  
FOR ANSWER ON 03/08/2015

**STEEL PROJECT OF POSCO**

2112. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to facilitate POSCO's steel project at Paradip in Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has considered the request of the Odisha Government to grant prospecting license to POSCO for the said project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)to(d): Government of India (Ministry of Mines) had received a proposal of the Government of Odisha for grant of Prospecting Licence to POSCO for iron ore in Odisha. On 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, Government of India has advised the State Government of Odisha to examine whether the application is eligible under Section 10A of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015. In case the application is eligible Government of India will take further action based on the recommendation of the State Government.

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