

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4733
FOR ANSWER ON 23/03/2020**

STEEL PLANT AT VIZAG

4733. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (Vizag Steel Plant) had acquired lands from villagers of Lankelapalem, Aganampudi, Paravada etc. at the time of construction of steel plants promising them to give suitable job in the steel plant by giving Rehabilitation Card (R. Card)/Displaced persons card;
- (b) if so, the total number of persons who were issued R. Card/Displaced Persons Card and waiting for job and the number out of them who were given employment in Vizag Steel Plant;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to give compensation upto Rs.10 lakhs for each person of the R. Card/Displaced Persons Card who crossed the age of 40 years and above; and
- (d) if not, whether the management of Vizag Steel Plant is allowing their children for employment by changing the name in the R. Card/Displaced persons card?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): The lands for Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited is acquired by Government of Andhra Pradesh as per Land Acquisition Act – 1894 and subsequent Amendments Acquisition of Land Act – 1972. Land of Lankelapalem and Aganampudi villages have been acquired along with other villages but land has not been acquired in Paravada village, which is away from the Steel Plant. A high level meeting was held in 1981 which was attended by the then Secretary, Ministry of Steel, the then Commissioner for Visakhapatnam and Ex-Officio Secretary, Department of Industries, Government of Andhra Pradesh where in it was agreed to provide employment to 5,000 Displaced Persons out of a total manpower of 20,000 employees planned for RINL. Against the commitment to give employment to 5000 Displaced Persons, 8008 Displaced Persons have been employed by RINL as on 29.02.2020. Further, the Rehabilitation Card (R. Card) is issued by the Government of Andhra Pradesh and not by RINL, since the Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons is the basic responsibility of the State Government.

As per Letter No.689/93/R1 dt. 05-07-2015 of District Collector, Visakhapatnam the number of displaced persons identified with respect to land acquisition are 16,850. As per the information received from the Junior Employment Officer, Sub-Employment Exchange, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam (which is established exclusively for Displaced Persons of RINL), 7463 Displaced Persons are available in Live Register as on 31.01.2020.

- (c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Central government.
- (d) The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh nominates the dependant members in the Rehabilitation Card for such displaced persons, who have not got the job.
