

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*150
FOR ANSWER ON 07/03/2013

LAND ACQUISITION FOR POSCO STEEL PLANT

*150. SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the process of acquiring land for Posco's steel plant in Odisha has resumed recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the protest against the acquiring of the land for Posco plant by the Posco Pratirodhi Sangram Samithi (PPSS) is still continuing; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(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
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07/03/2013 TABLED BY SHRI D. RAJA, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
REGARDING LAND ACQUISITION FOR POSCO STEEL PLANT**

(a)&(b): Government of Odisha have informed that the process of eviction of encroachments over Government land (both forest and revenue) in village Govindpur has been resumed w.e.f. 03.02.2013 for taking over possession by the State Government with the consent of encroachers. Further, the acquisition of private land has been stayed by the Hon'ble High Court of Odisha.

(c)&(d): Government of Odisha have, further, informed that some local residents of Dhinkia and Patna villages opposed the encroachment eviction process under the banner of Posco Pratirodhi Sangram Samithi (PPSS). It has also been informed that the land procurement process is limited only to Govindpur village and the villagers of Govindpur support for establishment of Posco India project. State Government is not interested in any private land of Dhinkia or Patna villages.
