

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1569
FOR ANSWER ON 15/03/2017

**KIOCL JOINT VENTURE WITH ANDHRA PRADESH MINERAL
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

1569. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the present status of KIOCL Limited's joint venture with Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation for setting up slurry pipeline and Pellet Plant Project in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) what is the budget provided to this project; and
- (c) by what time the project would be operationalised?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) The MoU was signed among KIOCL, APMDC and RINL on 22nd June, 2013 for exploration and exploitation of Nemkallu iron ore deposit in Ananthapuram District of Andhra Pradesh. Government of Andhra Pradesh issued Notification on 30th November, 2015 reserving an area of 1327 hectares in favour of M/s APMDC Limited under Section 17 A(2) of the Mines and Minerals (D&R) Act, 2015.

APMDC has submitted proposal to Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for seeking permission to carry out exploratory drilling (20 holes) in the aforesaid area. KIOCL conducted the Differential Global Positioning Survey (DGPS) during the month of June, 2016. Additional PCCF, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh requested APMDC to conduct DGPS survey on both sides of the approach road including working area near bore hole points in accordance with the guidelines issued by Forest Department, Andhra Pradesh in the month of August, 2016. KIOCL identified agency to carry out necessary DGPS survey at site. On receiving the forest clearance for exploratory drilling, work will be undertaken jointly by KIOCL & APMDC. Techno Economic Feasibility Report (TEFR) for the setting up of beneficiation plant and pellet plant will be prepared based on the outcome of the exploratory drilling.

(b) KIOCL kept budget provision of Rs.25.50 Crs. for the FY 2016-17 and Rs.10.00 Crs. for the FY 2017-18 for exploration and statutory payments. On preparation of TEFR of project, total project cost for mine development, for setting up of beneficiation plant and pelletization plant will be decided.

(c) On completion of exploration and finding its feasibility, Project is likely to commence by April, 2020.
