

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2221**  
FOR ANSWER ON 14/03/2018

**RELUCTANCE OF SAIL TO INVEST IN STEEL PLANTS IN  
CHHATTISGARH**

2221. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether disinvestment of under construction steel plant in Nagarnar in Chhattisgarh is proposed by NMDC and whether Government would reconsider it;
- (b) whether there is a demand that the steel plant should remain as a public sector undertaking which is actually a demand of common people affected by naxalism; and
- (c) whether Steel Authority of India Limited has expressed its reluctance to invest in Ultra Mega Steel Plant and Bastar Rail Private Limited in future, if so, whether Government would reconsider it?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a) NMDC has not proposed disinvestment of under construction steel plant in Nagarnar in Chhattisgarh. However, the Government has taken 'In-principle' decision on strategic disinvestment of Nagarnar Steel Plant of NMDC Limited.
- (b) The Government of Chhattisgarh has made a request to the Government of India to reconsider the decision for the strategic disinvestment of Nagarnar Steel Plant of NMDC.
- (c) SAIL has informed Government of Chhattisgarh that it will not be in a position to contribute further funds due to depressed financial condition. Further, SAIL has reduced its equity share from 21% to 12% in Bastar Railway Private Limited.

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