

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4772
FOR ANSWER ON 09/05/2013

DIVERSIFICATION OF MINING OPERATIONS BY NMDC AND MOIL

4772. DR. CHANDAN MITRA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a delegation of National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) and Manganese Ore India Ltd. (MOIL) visited Brazil and Peru recently in order to diversify their mining operations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the mining sites identified during the visit; and
- (d) the further steps taken by Government to start mining operation for gold, copper and iron in Peru and Brazil?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. A delegation led by the Secretary (Steel) and comprising of officers from NMDC Limited and MOIL Limited visited Brazil and Peru during November, 2012 to explore resource acquisition opportunities in iron ore, manganese ore and coking coal. During the visit, the delegation interacted with Bahia Government, Brazil and various Brazilian and Peruvian companies for mineral assets.

(d) A letter of intent has been signed in February, 2013 between Ministry of Steel, Government of India and Ministry of Mines and Energy, Federative Republic of Brazil to encourage investment opportunities in iron and steel related business by Indian and Brazilian companies.
