

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*315
FOR ANSWER ON 24/03/2021

RINL AGREEMENT FOR EXTRACTION OF IRON ORE

*315. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) has entered into an agreement with Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation to extract iron ore from Kukunoor in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of the agreement and the delay in execution; and
- (c) the present status of the file sent to NITI Aayog for clearance?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*315 FOR ANSWER ON 24/03/2021 TABLED BY SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING “RINL AGREEMENT FOR EXTRACTION OF IRON ORE”

(a) No, Sir. However, an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been entered between Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) and Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited.(APMDC) on 27.01.2017 to formalize the understanding that RINL will work in collaboration with the APMDC Ltd. for:-

- i) Exploration and exploitation of iron ore in Kukunur Mandal, West Godavari District, A.P.
- ii) Engagement in other areas of development on mutual interest.

(b) RINL had requested Geological Survey of India (GSI)-Southern Region (SR), Hyderabad to undertake a Geophysical Survey of the Kukunur Block. GSI have informed RINL in August, 2020 that due to Covid-19 pandemic all field related activities in GSI got temporarily halted. Further, the draft MoU, revised estimate and the proposed schedule of work would be sent by GSI to RINL when taking up of the said work becomes feasible.

(c) No such file has been referred to NITI Aayog for clearance.
