

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.123
FOR ANSWER ON 22/11/2012

SETTING UP OF UMSP

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that some States like Gujarat, Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Kerala, West Bengal, have favoured the concept of setting up of Ultra Mega Steel Plants (UMSP) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons that the Ministry has rejected the concept UMSP saying it is not feasible; and
- (d) in what manner Ultra Mega Steel Projects is not viable?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. The States like Gujarat, Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Kerala and West Bengal have not supported the concept of setting up of Ultra Mega Steel Plants (UMSP) in the country.

(c)&(d): The main facilities required for setting up of steel plants are land, iron ore linkage, coking coal, power, water, etc. These are either under the purview of other Ministries of Government of India such as Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Environment & Forests or the concerned State Governments. However, the response from State Governments on the concept of UMSP have not been encouraging. Ministry of Steel does not have any regulatory or statutory powers in this regard. It acts basically as a facilitator or coordinator. In view of the response of the State Governments, the implementation of the concept of UMSP has not been found feasible.
