

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1830
FOR ANSWER ON 08/12/2011

VIOLENCE IN DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT

1830. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of frequent incidences of violence and attacks on regular and contract workers within the premises of Durgapur Steel Plant;
- (b) whether such incidents of attacks occurred on 10th September, 2011 and 16 November, 2011;
- (c) whether any enquiry has been ordered;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the actions taken to protect the workers from attacks of armed hooligans within the plant?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)&(b): Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has reported that sporadic incidents of clash between two groups of contract workers occurred within the plant premises on 10.9.2011 and 16.11.2011. The incident did not involve regular employees on either occasion. The situation was controlled with the prompt intervention of CISF and the District Police Authorities.

(c)&(d): First Information Reports (FIRs) have been lodged with the police in both the incidents of 10.9.2011 and 16.11.2011. Police authorities are in the process of conducting enquiries in the matter.

(e) There have been no reports of presence of any armed hooligan inside the Plant. However, many proactive actions have been taken by the Management for better security inside the plant and to ensure smooth functioning of plant activities.
