

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.437**  
FOR ANSWER ON 15/03/2012

**EXPANSION OF STEEL CAPACITY**

437. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether concrete steps have been taken for steel capacity expansion and achieving cost effectiveness so that in the coming decade substantial reduction in operating and raw material cost is achieved when the capacity is estimated to rise 110 mtpa by 2019-20;
- (b) if so, whether rehabilitation of indigenous and tribal people, as iron-ore mining is done in economically backward States like Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Jharkhand, etc. is adequately taken; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that displaced tribals in Jharkhand mining operations had to resort to agitation to protect their rights?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

- (a) Steel Expansion capacity projects are being undertaken by the major steel investors based upon their own techno-commercial considerations, as steel is a deregulated sector. The technology and operation methods are decided by the individual companies to achieve optimum cost of production.
- (b) Adequate measures are taken by the concerned State Governments for rehabilitation of indigenous and tribal people affected by mining operations.
- (c) As per the available information, no such incidence has been reported from Jharkhand.

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