

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.474**  
FOR ANSWER ON 05/02/2020

**SETTING UP OF STEEL PLANT THROUGH JOINT VENTURE OF RINL**

474. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is in discussions with Japanese and Korean firms to set up 5 mtpa capacity steel plant through a joint venture of RINL;
- (b) if so, the details of discussions and place where the proposed steel plant is going to be set up;
- (c) the reasons for not setting up steel plant in Visakhapatnam by Government where Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) has huge land and other infrastructure available; and
- (d) how Government is planning to push the proposal forward positively in view of earlier attempts which failed to set up steel plant in the country?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)to(d): Ministry of Steel had discussions with Japanese and Korean Firms in August, 2018 to explore possibilities of facilitating domestic manufacturing of high grade steel with the help of Japanese and / or Korean Firms. Thereafter, in October, 2019, a non-binding MoU has been signed between RINL and POSCO for exploring to establish an integrated Steel Plant in Andhra Pradesh with the approval of the RINL Board.

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