

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.740
FOR ANSWER ON 16/08/2012

IRREGULARITIES IN AWARDING OF TENDER IN NMDC

740. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:
SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether irregularities in award of tender in National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) under the Ministry of Steel has been reported;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some representations have also been received with respect to alleged irregularities in award of tenders by NMDC;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has taken action against these irregularities;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (h) the details of action proposes by Government for transparency in award of tenders by NMDC and to root out corruption therein?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(h): Some representations regarding alleged irregularities in award of tenders by NMDC for installation of Thin Slab Caster for Rolling Mill and Hot Strip Mill for the Integrated Steel Plant at Nagarnar were received. Preliminary examination has revealed that no irregularities were committed. These representations are under further examination in consultation with Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO), NMDC and Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).

However, for ensuring transparency in award of tenders, NMDC has introduced Integrity Pact, which is to be signed by NMDC and the bidder for procurement cases of Rs.10 crore each and above and all works whose estimates are more than Rs.20 crore. Works whose estimates are more than Rs.10 lakhs are awarded through open tender basis by the NMDC with wide publicity in leading news papers, company's website and central procurement portal.
