

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF MINES**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 26.07.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**ALLOTMENT OF BAUXITE MINES TO NALCO .**

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Shri Rama Chandra Khuntia

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING MINES be pleased to state :-

- (a) the details of bauxite mines allocated to NALCO;
- (b) whether bauxite mines of any other State have also been allocated to NALCO; and
- (c) whether it is sufficient to run NALCO smelter plant for another 50 years?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B. K. HANDIQUE)

(a)&(b): National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) has informed that presently they have got mining lease for only Panchpatmali bauxite reserves in Koraput District in Odisha. Although Pottangi bauxite reserve in Koraput District in Odisha has been reserved by Government of India for grant of mining lease in favour of NALCO, however, the Company can initiate necessary pre-requisites for starting mining operations only after grant of final approval from Government of Odisha. In addition, Government of India has accorded prior approval for grant of mining lease of Gudem-I, IV & V and KR Konda-I & II in Andhra Pradesh in favour of NALCO.

(c): The existing bauxite mine at Panchpatmali at present rate of mining can cater to the requirement of refinery plant of NALCO for another 23 years.