

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 120
ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026

**ESTABLISHMENT OF MINERAL PROCESSING PARKS AND VALUE-ADDITION
FACILITIES IN ODISHA**

120. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any regional mineral processing park or Centre of Excellence on Critical Minerals is proposed to be set up in Odisha under the National Critical Mineral Mission;
- (b) if so, the details, location and investment envisaged;
- (c) the steps being taken to encourage downstream value-addition, such as ferro-alloy and steel processing, within the State rather than the export of raw ore;
- (d) whether Odisha's existing steel and alloy industry has been factored into the site-selection criteria for such facilities, and;
- (e) whether any assessment has been made of the employment likely to be generated from such processing infrastructure; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES
(SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY)

(a) to (f): The Government has recognised nine premier institutes as Centres of Excellence (CoEs) under the National Critical Minerals Mission (NCMM) for R&D in the critical mineral value chain. These CoEs include Council of Scientific and Industrial Research–Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (CSIR-IMMT), at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

NCMM envisages the establishment of four Critical Mineral Processing Parks (CMPP) with a financial outlay of ₹ 500 crore. Location of one CMPP has been identified at Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region (PCPIR), Paradeep, Odisha.

The proposed CMPP envisages to facilitate critical mineral processing and value addition by providing common infrastructure for industries engaged in processing of critical minerals and support downstream industries that utilize critical minerals as inputs, including the steel sector, wherever applicable. The investment requirement and employment related aspects of the proposed CMPP form part of Detailed Project Report (DPR).
