

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1909
FOR ANSWER ON 28/11/2016**

MERGER OF RINL, OMDC AND BSLC

1909. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to work for a merger of Orissa Minerals Development Company Limited (OMDC), Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) and Bisra Stone Lime Company Limited (BSLC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline proposed for merging these units and the manner in which the Government proposes to ensure that these units have higher production targets and greater efficiency; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that issues related to logistics, infrastructure and management are resolved to improve efficiency of the said steel companies?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)&(b): No, Madam. There is no proposal to merge OMDC, RINL and BSLC.

(c) Steel is a deregulated sector and role of Government is that of a facilitator. Reviews are held at appropriate levels and issues, including of these companies, to be taken up with other Ministries/Departments and also with State Governments, are identified/flagged and pursued.
