

Tomar Visits RINL & NMDC



Hon'ble Steel Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar visited Coke Oven Battery along with P. Madhusudan, CMD, RINL, Dr K Haribabu, Hon'ble MP, Visakhapatnam and Smt Urvilla Khati, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Steel and others are seen.

Shri Tomar, who was on a visit to RINL reviewed the performance of the Steel Plant in a meeting with senior officials.

Shri Tomar commended the efforts made by workers and officers of RINL in reviving the Plant in record time after Hudhud tragedy last year. While reviewing the progress of Modernization and Expansion, the Minister expressed concern over time and cost over runs and advised to conduct root cause analysis for delay and other reasons could be pinpointed for avoidance in future. The loss of time and money would be more damaging if units are not stabilized after commissioning at the earliest, he added. Shri Tomar remarked that modernization, expansion, cost reduction and energy savings must be reflected in profitability. He said that visit of Honble Prime Minister will be a proud occasion for all of us and we must make it memorable for times to come.

Shri P Madhusudan, CMD, RINL expressed gratefulness to the Minister for providing guidance and support as and when required. He assured the Minister that quick action will be initiated on his observations. He shared details of RINL vision plan in tune with 300 million tonne target of Govt. of India.

Earlier Hon'ble Steel Minister accompanied by Dr K Haribabu, Hon'ble MP, Visakhapatnam and Smt Urvilla Khati, Joint



Secretary, Ministry of Steel plant saplings at the Dedication Park inside the plant to mark the occasion. Sri Tomar then witnessed major production processes; Coke Oven Battery, Blast Furnace-3, Steel Melt Shop-2 and Wire Rod Mill-2 during his plant visit.

The Hon'ble Minister was apprised of the arrangements being made for the ensuing Hon'ble Prime Minister's visit to RINL to dedicate the 6.3 Mtpa expansion to the Nation in the month of July'15.

Moreover, Shri Tomar has also visited the Head Office of NMDC Limited at Hyderabad. Shri Tomar said, "NMDC, one of the largest miners in India must focus on increasing iron ore production. This will have the twin benefit of keeping prices in check and ensuring equitable supply of raw material

to big and small producers. As a responsible PSU mining company, it is the responsibility of NMDC to ensure that there is no imbalance on these counts. Mining as an industry has a negative perception in the minds of public, which needs to be corrected by sustained efforts. The company also needs to bring more parity in its physical and financial performance. To achieve the target of producing 75 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) iron ore by 2019-20, there needs to be visible incremental increase in production in consecutive years. NMDC needs to have a strategic vision and plan for the same." Minister advised NMDC to get a strategic plan prepared for long term vision. He further said, "Delay in execution and commissioning of the ongoing projects needs to be curtailed at the earliest. Nagarnar Steel Plant, Kumarswamy Mechanised Mines, Deposit 11-b and pellet plant projects must be put on

fast track to be completed in time. Performance in respect of financial parameters like gross operating margin, PAT, per employee profit etc. has scope for improvement."

Earlier CMD, NMDC Mr N Kothari welcomed the Minister and stated that this is first visit of a Steel Minister to NMDC Head office in last few decades. He apprised the Minister on progress on SPV front in Jharkhand, MOU for which is likely to be signed next month. Mr Kothari assured the Minister that hot trials of the Nagarnar Steel Plant would commence by December, 2016. Senior officials of Ministry of Steel and NMDC were present during this meeting.