
Orissa government to seek people support for projects - Minister

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Orissa government said that it would seek people's support for the implementation of mega projects including INR 51,000 crore proposed steel plant to be set up by South Korean firm POSCO.

Though worried over the delay in implementing the POSCO project, the state government said peoples' support is foremost for setting up any mega project.

The report quoted Mr Raghunath Mohanty steel and mines minister as saying that "Our policy of peaceful industrialization is applicable to all the proposed projects, including the one by POSCO."

Mr T K Mishra chief secretary said that "POSCO project will be implemented with the support of the people and not against their wishes."

The state government's views came a day after the Centre expressed concern over the delay in implementing the POSCO and ArcelorMittal's proposed steel plants with 12 million tonne per annum capacity each in Orissa.

Mr Mishra who chaired the secretary-level review meeting on POSCO project said that efforts were on to convince the agitating people to support setting up Posco's greenfield project.

Hopeful of convincing the people in favour of the project, the chief secretary said they would be offered an acceptable rehabilitation and resettlement package to allow setting up of the mega steel plant.

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