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## Centre talking to states for expediting steel projects - Steel minister

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Mr Virbhadra Singh union steel minister said that the Centre is in talks with the Jharkhand and Orissa governments to facilitate the multi billion dollar India projects of global steel giants ArcelorMittal and POSCO.

Mr Singh after visiting the 'Steel Pavilion' at the India International Trade Fair in Delhi said that "It is a continuous process aimed at expediting and facilitating the two projects. We are talking to resolve the issues like land acquisition, mining leases."

Asked if the government has set a time frame for these projects to take off he said that "These are Greenfield projects. They take more time than the Brownfield projects as issues like land acquisition, evacuation, rehabilitation, mining leases exist. Currently, we wish to expedite it."

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