

# NMDC Move to Sell Bastar Steel Plant Draws Public Fury

**People from eight villages gheraoed NMDC boss for 5 hrs as a mark of protest**

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**Kolkata:** State-owned miner NMDC's move to sell off its upcoming three million tonne steel plant at Nagarnar in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh has generated a groundswell of protests in the region.

On Thursday, a large group of people comprising sarpanches and project affected people (PAPs) from eight nearby villages — Nagarnar, Kasturi, Amagoda, Marpal, Manganpur, Upal, Karanpur and Chokawada — gheraoed NMDC's executive director at Nagarnar for five hours as a mark of protest against the company's proposed move.

They submitted a memorandum seeking details about the company's strategy on the reported move towards privatisation of the plant and urged the management to stall the sale. "Most of the people who joined Thursday's demon-

stration were villagers who had given up their land for the steel project on the assurance that it was being promoted by a government company," said Swapan Mukherjee, joint secretary of Steel Sramik Union (SSU) at Nagarnar. "With the proposed talks about privatising the unit, they feel they have lost out," he said.

The gherao was lifted only after the ED promised them he would get back with details from the company's headquarters in Hyderabad. A government notifica-

it. Chhattisgarh chief minister Raman Singh recently promised to raise the issue with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the steel minister. Earlier, in a letter to the Centre in April, Singh had warned that the move could trigger unrest in the region. The 2,100-acre steel plant, due to be commissioned in December, is among the few greenfield steel plants to be set up in the country in the last few years. Incidentally, only a few months back Tata Steel announced it had abandoned plans to set up a greenfield steel unit in Chhattisgarh after it failed to acquire the required land for the project. Thursday's gherao follows a large convention held on June 28 at Nagarnar. It was attended by most of the local workers' unions at Jagdalpur, with major political parties, industry association and the Bastar Chamber of Commerce joining in and lending support to the issue.

The locals are also trying to rope in workers and officials from NMDC's Bacheli and Kirandul Iron Ore complex nearby to join the protest.

The next course of action will be decided at a meeting of All India NMDC Workers' Union Federation scheduled to be held at Raipur on July 15. It will be attended by the office

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