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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.146
FOR ANSWER ON 18/07/2016

SPONGE IRON PLANTS

146. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of private and public sector sponge iron plants operating in the country at present, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of employment opportunities created in these plants;
- (c) whether any provision has been made for providing certain percentage of jobs to the local people in the said plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken so far in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI CHAUDHARY BIRENDER SINGH)

(a) The number of private and public sector sponge iron plants in the country during 2015-16 is given at **Annexure – 1**.

(b) As per a survey conducted by the Joint Plant Committee (JPC) in 2012-13, total employment in the domestic sponge iron market stood at 1,15,927 during the said year. State-wise details are shown in **Annexure -2**.

(c)&(d): Steel being a deregulated sector, the role of Government is limited to that of a facilitator to provide a conducive policy environment for sustained growth and competitive development of the industry. Specific decisions on recruitment of employees in private steel sector are taken by individual steel companies/investors on the basis of their requirement. In the case of CPSUs, recruitment is based on Government guidelines.

Annexure – 1

State Wise Details of Indian Sponge Iron Industry, 2015-16*

State	No. of Units
Private Sector	
Jharkhand	64
Odisha	83
West Bengal	41
Chhattisgarh	50
Goa	3
Gujarat	1
Maharashtra	8
Andhra Pradesh	7
Karnataka	31
Tamil Nadu	7
Telangana	12
Total Private Sector	307
Public Sector	
Telangana	1
Total Public Sector	1
Total: Public + Private	308

Source: JPC, * provisional

Annexure – 2

Employment in the Indian Sponge Iron Industry : 2012-13

State	Employment (No.)
Jharkhand	5675
Odisha	51962
West Bengal	15998
Chhattisgarh	20990
Goa	519
Gujarat	250
Maharashtra	5246
Andhra Pradesh	5015
Karnataka	9496
Tamil Nadu	776
Grand Total	115927

Source: JPC Survey, 2012-13
