

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4182**  
FOR ANSWER ON 07/01/2019

**STEEL FOR RAILWAYS TRACK**

4182. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has expressed its inability to supply & meet the increasing demand of steel for renewal and doubling & tripling of the existing tracks by Indian Railways, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether SAIL proposes to enhance the manufacturing capabilities by establishing new plants to cope up with increasing demand of railway/requirements of steel thereby giving opportunities for the unemployed hands and strengthen the Make in India campaign further with saving of the costs on imported steel requirement; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) Railways have indicated rail demand for doubling, gauge conversion, new lines and track renewal works of approximately 14 lakh tons during 2018-19 and 17 lakh tons in 2019-20. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) expects to supply 10 lakh tons in 2018-19 and 12 lakh tons in 2019-20.

(b)&(c): Bhilai Steel Plant undertook Modernisation and Expansion Plan (MODEX) alongwith other integrated Steel Plant under SAIL with capacity enhancement of Crude Steel from 3.93 MTPA to 7.0 MTPA. This included installation of 1.2 MTPA capacity Universal Rail Mill. SAIL has established a Mill named "Universal Rail Mill" in Bhilai Steel Plant to enhance the manufacturing capabilities of Rails to cope up with increasing demand of railway requirements. The production from Universal Rail Mill (URM) has commenced from November, 2016.

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