

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.140**  
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**STEEL INDUSTRY SUFFERING FROM LACK OF TECHNOLOGY**

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the steel industry in the country is suffering from lack of technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the initiative of Government to improve the technology support and labour productivity to the industry?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)&(b): The technological profile of some of the older steel plants in the country is not at par with the global standards. However, Indian steel industry has taken up substantial modernisation & expansion programmes for upgrading the technological profile which is at par with best available technologies globally.

(c) Ministry of Steel is facilitating adoption of state of the art energy efficient technologies by the steel industry, in association with organisations viz. New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO), Japan and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), India. Ministry of Steel is also facilitating an industry led institutional mechanism viz. Steel Research & Technology Mission of India (SRTMI) to address the research & technology needs of the country.

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