

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1413
FOR ANSWER ON 03/07/2019

DEMAND OF STEEL BY RAILWAYS

1413. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is unable to meet demand for new rails of the Indian Railways for track renewal and capacity augmentation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the demand received by SAIL during the last three years;
- (c) whether SAIL has taken steps to supply all the required quantity to the agencies including Indian Railways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): In 2019-20, Indian Railways have indicated a requirement of around 17 lakh tons of rails. SAIL has committed to supply 13.5 lakh tons of rails.

The details of bulk indent received from Indian Railways since 2016-17 and corresponding supply by SAIL are shown in the table:-

Unit: '000 Tons

Year	Bulk Indent by Indian Railways	Supply
2016-17	1005	620
2017-18	1145	874
2018-19	1400	945
2019-20	1350	188 (Apr.-May'19)

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. Under Modernisation and Expansion Plan, Bhilai Steel Plant has installed 1.2 MTPA capacity Universal Rail Mill to enhance the manufacturing capabilities of rails to cope up with increasing demand of Railways. The production from Universal Rail Mill (URM) has commenced from November, 2016.
