

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOR ANSWER ON 15/03/2017

LOW POTENTIAL UTILISATION IN STEEL INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in the steel industry the potential utilisation in iron and steel is very low, rarely the potential utilisation exceeds 80 per cent, for example Durgapur Steel Plant utilizes only 50 per cent of its potential; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and factors for such low potential utilisation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a) The crude steel capacity utilization reported for the industry as a whole stands below 80% in the recent period, the same for Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP) is much higher than 50% as shown in the table below:-

Industry / Plants	Crude Steel Capacity Utilization (%)	
	2015-16	2016-17 (April-Jan.)
Total Steel Industry	76	77
Durgapur Steel Plant	110	118

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC)

- (b) The surge of low priced imports, low growth in domestic demand and lack of export opportunities due to low prices of steel in the world market were responsible for low capacity utilization of the Indian steel plants
