

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1755
FOR ANSWER ON 13/12/2021

MODERNIZATION AND EXPANSION OF STEEL PLANTS

1755. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has completed the modernisation and expansion of its steel plants, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the work of modernisation and expansion of its steel plants was started in order to increase its crude steel capacity, if so, the target which was set to produce steel after the modernisation and expansion;
- (c) the quantity of steel in million tonnes being produced by SAIL at present; and
- (d) the reasons responsible for less production as compared to the target?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH)

(a) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) had undertaken modernization and expansion in its five integrated steel plants at Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), Bokaro (Jharkhand), Rourkela (Odisha), Durgapur (West Bengal), Burnpur (West Bengal) and one Special Steel Plant at Salem (Tamil Nadu). The major facilities under Modernization and Expansion Plan (MEP) in these Plants have been completed.

(b)to(d): Under its Modernization and Expansion (MEP), SAIL had initially envisaged crude steel production capacity to 21.4 million tons per annum (MTPA). However, after completion of facilities at Bhilai Steel Plant and Rourkela Steel Plant and on ramping up/stabilization of all facilities in these Plants, the operational capacity of SAIL has been envisaged to reach 20.72 MTPA as part of the earlier planned expansion of production capacity at Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) has been dropped and MEP at Alloy Steels Plant (ASP), Durgapur and Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant, Bhadravati have not been undertaken. The crude steel production of SAIL for Apr.-Nov.'2021 has been 11.249 MT which is more than the production of 10.266 MT during the corresponding period of 2019-20(pre-covid-19) despite the production having been affected due to second wave of COVID-19 pandemic during April, 2021 to June, 2021 period.
