

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1954
FOR ANSWER ON 03/08/2016

CONTRACT WORKERS IN VISAKHAPATNAM STEEL PLANT

1954. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as on date, there are over 15000 contract workers in different capacities working at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether it is a fact that these workers are not given basic health and other facilities at the plant;
- (c) the steps proposed to extend diverse services and other benefits to the contract workers at the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;
- (d) the number of contract workers at VSP who get such benefits as permanent workers get; and
- (e) the measures proposed to address the diverse demand of contract workers at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant in a time-bound manner?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) As on 30.6.2016, a total of 15033 contract workers are deployed by the contractors engaged at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP).

(b)to(d): All contract workers engaged by the contractors and deployed by them at VSP are covered under the Employees State Insurance (ESI) Act, 1948 and Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, for various benefits and other facilities including health facilities stipulated under these Acts. Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)-VSP as Principal Employer ensures compliance of statutory provisions by the contractors and in addition provides first aid and emergency medical treatment at its Plant Hospital/Health Centers. Further, facilities such as rest rooms, subsidized canteens, crèche, wash rooms, drinking water, latrines, urinals etc. are also provided by RINL to them at par with regular employees of VSP.

(e) The contractors are the employers in respect of the contract workers, deployed by them. RINL encourages dialogue between the contract workers and the contractors for resolution of issues, if any, by the contractors.
