

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1985
FOR ANSWER ON 14/03/2013

MODERNISATION OF BHILAI STEEL PLANT

1985. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the time by when the modernisation of Bhilai Plant of the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is likely to be completed;
- (b) whether SMSI would be closed completely after the modernisation;
- (c) if not, the quantity of magnesite likely to be used by the Bhilai Plant in 2013-14, grade-wise; and
- (d) the source from which this magnesite would be procured?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)&(b): Modernization and expansion of Bhilai Steel plant (BSP) is under progress, once completed the installed crude steel capacity will increase from 3.93 mtpa to 7.00 mtpa. Steel Melting Shop – I (SMS-I) is planned to be phased out after completion and stabilization of New Steel Melting Shop being installed under modernization and expansion plan.

(c)&(d): The total quantity of magnesite likely to be used by the Bhilai Steel Plant in 2013-14 would be around 10,000 tonne. There is only one grade of magnesite i.e. Dead Burnt Magnesite (DBM) and the sizes of DBM in the same grade are different. Bhilai Steel Plant procure magnesite in the form of DBM only. Supplies of DBM are being arranged from M/s. Almora Magnesite Ltd. (Joint Venture of UPSIDC, Tata Steel and SAIL).
