

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2049**  
FOR ANSWER ON 10/07/2019

**STEEL PLANTS OPERATING UNDER SAIL**

2049. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) how many steel plants are operating under Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and their production and sale status for the last three years;
- (b) whether any proposal is under consideration of Government for disinvestment/sale of any of the plants, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps initiated by SAIL to improve quality production and market viability of its plants; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal for modernisation/expansion of steel plants including that of Rourkela, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has five Integrated Steel Plants viz. Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP), Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP), Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP), Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) and IISCO Steel Plant (ISP) and three Special Steel Plants viz. Alloy Steels Plant (ASP), Salem Steel Plant (SSP) and Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant (VISP). The Saleable Steel production of these Plants for the last three years is given below:-

Unit: Million tonnes

<b>Saleable Steel production</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Bhilai Steel Plant	4.006	3.685	3.673
Durgapur Steel Plant	1.932	1.952	2.125
Rourkela Steel Plant	2.742	2.947	3.335
Bokaro Steel Plant	3.372	3.501	3.626
IISCO Steel Plant	1.338	1.687	1.907
Special Steel Plants	0.476	0.303	0.402
SAIL	13.867	14.074	15.069

Sales volume of Saleable Steel from these Plants for the last three years is given below:-

Unit: Million tonnes

<b>Sales volume: Saleable Steel</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Bhilai Steel Plant	3.597	3.639	3.487
Durgapur Steel Plant	1.870	1.882	1.993
Rourkela Steel Plant	2.661	3.022	3.014
Bokaro Steel Plant	3.310	3.546	3.496
IISCO Steel Plant	1.223	1.695	1.767
Special Steel Plants	0.450	0.297	0.358
SAIL	13.111	14.081	14.115

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(b) “In principle” approval for disinvestment of three units of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) viz. Visveswaraya Iron & Steel Plant (VISP), Bhadravati, Karnataka, Salem Steel Plant (SSP), Tamil Nadu and Alloy Steel Plant (ASP), Durgapur, West Bengal has been accorded. These three units have consistently made losses.

(c)&(d): SAIL undertook Modernization and Expansion of its five Integrated Steel Plants at Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), Bokaro (Jharkhand), Rourkela (Odisha), Durgapur (West Bengal) & Burnpur (West Bengal) and Special Steel Plant at Salem (Tamil Nadu) to enhance its Crude Steel capacity.

Besides other facilities, high capacity Blast Furnaces (>4000 m<sup>3</sup> volume), modern Steel Melting Shops and new state-of-the-art Rolling Mills have been installed which have the capability to produce various value added products.

For improving market viability of products from the new mills, the initiatives taken by SAIL in the area of Marketing, inter-alia, include the following:-

- Dedicated cross functional teams.
- Parallel Flange Structural from Universal Structural Mill (USM) at ISP & Medium Structural Mill (MSM) at DSP branded as SAIL “NEX”.
- A new brand of TMT bars named SAIL “SeQR” for safer construction launched.
- Various Seminars on the theme “New Challenges in Steel Design & Construction” have been organized to showcase the wide ranging applicability of structural sections as well as advantages of Design and Construction using SAIL structurals and Parallel Flange Beams.

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