

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2125
FOR ANSWER ON 30/08/2012

INSTALLATION OF NEW STEEL PROCESSING UNITS

2125. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the SAIL Board in 2008 accorded in-principle approval for installing 10 steel processing units (SPUs) in Bettiah, Mahnar and Gaya in Bihar, Hoshangabad, Ujjain and Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh, Guwahati in Assam and Lakhimpur in Uttar Pradesh, and Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir and Kangra in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, what is the status of these units; and
- (c) by when they will start operations?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. There are 10 nos. of Steel Processing Units (SPUs) for which SAIL Board had accorded "in principle" approval during 2007 to 2009.

The present status of these SPUs are given below:-

Name of Steel Processing Units (SPUs)	Present Status
Bihar	
<i>Bettiah</i>	The production has commenced.
<i>Gaya</i>	The 27.3 acres of agricultural land has been procured for the project. The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)/ Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) has taken up for conversion of agricultural land for industrial use.
<i>Mahnar</i>	The land is low lying and significant land filling is required, as a result of which the project is financially unviable and is under review.
Madhya Pradesh	
<i>Hoshangabad</i>	Is being set up on Joint Venture (JV) basis.
<i>Ujjain</i>	
<i>Gwalior</i>	
Uttar Pradesh	
<i>Lakhimpur</i>	

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Himachal Pradesh	
<i>Kangra</i>	The SPU at Kangra is falling within the notified land/ area limit of Indian Works of Defence Act. The matter has been taken up with Ministry of Defence for relaxing the notified limit. In February 2012, notification was issued by Ministry of Defence for suspension of work at site.
Jammu & Kashmir	
<i>Srinagar</i>	The Govt. of J&K has extended the desired Concessions and Benefits for the SPU in line with the Industrial Policy of the State in November, 2011. The project is under finalization.
Assam	
<i>Guwahati</i>	The survey of land has been completed. Barbed wire fencing of boundry, gate and security room completed. Concession & Benefit awaited from Govt. of Assam. The project is under review.
