

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.445
FOR ANSWER ON 02/12/2015

SHUTTING UP OF SPONGE IRON PLANTS

445. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain sponge iron plants have been shut down in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the plant-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government proposes to formulate any scheme for revival of the said plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)&(b): The details of sponge iron plants which have shut down/closed in various parts of the country, as reported to JPC during a survey in 2012-13, are as below. No reasons for such closure were specified by the concerned plants.

Closed /Shut Down Sponge Iron units in India		
Unit Name	State	Annual Capacity (in tonnes)
N. R. Sponge Pvt. Ltd.	Chhattisgarh	NA
Biswanath Ferro Alloys Ltd.	Jharkhand	45,000
Baba Akhila Sai Jyoyhi Industries (P) Ltd.	Karnataka	60,000
Trimurti Ispat Ltd.	Maharastra	12,000
Gupta Metallics & Power Ltd.	Maharastra	1,20,000
The Orissa Minerals Development Company Ltd.	Orissa	30,000
M/s Pawansut Sponge (P) Ltd.	Orissa	60,000
Aditya Sponge & Power Pvt. Ltd.	Orissa	60,000

(c)&(d): Steel is a deregulated sector since 1992 and the role of the Government is that of a facilitator only. Investments and production in the Steel projects are therefore results of conscious decision of the concerned investors based on commercial prudence and market dynamics.
