

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.736
FOR ANSWER ON 16/08/2012

DECREASE OF PRODUCTION OF STEEL IN SAIL

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has failed to complete its modernisation and expansion projects on time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that due to non-implementation of modernisation and expansion programme, the production of steel has decreased during the year 2011-12; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)&(b): The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has undertaken modernisation and expansion at its five integrated steel plants at Bhilai, Bokaro, Rourkela, Durgapur & Burnpur and special steel plant at Salem to enhance its crude steel production capacity from 12.8 Million Tonne Per Annum (MTPA) to 21.4 MTPA in the current phase.

Expansion of Salem Steel Plant has been completed in September, 2010. For other plants, the completion of certain packages has already commenced and the current phase of Modernisation and Expansion is expected to be completed by 2013. In case of expansion of IISCO Steel Plant, difficult and unforeseen soil conditions, removal of underground boulders and hillocks etc. led to substantial increase in civil and structural work which also entailed extra time.

(c)&(d): Production of crude steel by SAIL during the 2011-12 was 13.35 Million Tonne (MT) as compared to 13.76 MT produced last year. Lower crude steel production during 2011-12 was mainly due to repairs of blast furnace and coke oven batteries at Bhilai Steel Plant and frequent power disruptions at Bokaro Steel Plant.
