

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.956
FOR ANSWER ON 06/12/2021

DISSOLUTION OF SAIL's RAW MATERIALS DIVISION

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 14,500 employees of the Durgapur and Burnpur plants have been provided alternative employment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) on what parameters were these oldest raw material divisions of the country shut down?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH)

(a)to(c): The iron ore mines of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) are located in the States of Odisha, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh but iron ore is sent to all plants of SAIL, including Durgapur Steel Plant, Durgapur and IISCO Steel Plant, Burnpur as per their annual production plan under the system of central coordination for raw material allocation. The organizational set-up of Mines and Colliery Division under Raw Material Division, Kolkata has been restructured by SAIL with effect from 01-07-2021. The restructuring has been effected for efficient functioning and smooth operation of Plants/Mines, maintenance of close liaison on continuous basis with respective State Governments through already established channels of communication of Plants for day-to-day interfacing with local/State Administration so as to expeditiously and amicably resolve various issues arising from time to time, leveraging infrastructure and logistics of Plants, more flexibility for deployment of trained and skilled manpower for Mines as well as for providing better back-end facilities at captive steel townships for employees and their families posted at Mines location, etc.

Subsequent to the restructuring in July, 2021, the supply of iron ore to all the Integrated Steel Plants (ISPs) of SAIL has been continuing as before and both Durgapur Steel Plant, Durgapur and IISCO Steel Plant, Burnpur continue to have normal operations as earlier.
