

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
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FOR ANSWER ON 06/12/2021

NEW SPONGE IRON INDUSTRIES IN UTTAR PRADESH

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of operational sponge iron industries in public and private sectors including Uttar Pradesh at present State/Union Territory-wise;
- (b) the details of employment opportunities in these industries; and
- (c) whether Government plans to open new sponge iron industries in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH)

- (a) The details of State/Union Territory wise number of sponge iron plants operational during FY 2020-21 in the country, including Uttar Pradesh are as following:-

State/Union Territory wise details of Indian Sponge Iron Industry, 2020-21

State/Union-territory	No of Units
Andhra Pradesh	6
Chhattisgarh	69
Goa	3
Gujarat	10
Jharkhand	24
Karnataka	35
Maharashtra	7
Odisha	76
Tamil Nadu	6
Telangana	9
Uttar Pradesh	4
West Bengal	36
TOTAL	285
Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC)	

- (b) The total employment in the domestic sponge iron industry stood at about 85,000 during 2020-21 (Source: JPC).

- (c) Steel being a deregulated sector, specific decisions regarding setting up of the sponge iron industries are taken by individual steel companies/investors based on commercial considerations and market dynamics.
