

Modernisation of Steel Plants under SAIL

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Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the modernisation process of steel plants under the Steel Authority of India, along with sanctioned date, original cost, completion schedule and revised cost estimate, plant-wise;

(b) the reasons for inordinate delay in completion of projects, plant-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct an enquiry regarding the undesirable delay for the modernisation of steel plants which caused extra financial burden of thousand of crore of rupees;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action plan for future modernisation schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) The details of the modernisation projects along with their present status are given below:

Plant	Original Sanction	Original Cost (Rs. in crore)	Revised Cost (Rs. in crore)	Original Schedule of Completion	Present Status
DSP	Feb' 89	2668 (Base:3 rd Qtr. '88)	4871* (Base:3 rd Qtr. '98)	March' 93	The project has been completed.
RSP	Oct' 89	2461 (Base:4 th Qtr. '88)	3954 (Base:1 st Qtr. '92)	Dec'95	The various facilities under modernisation project of Rourkela Steel Plant, except Reheating Furnace No. 5, have progressively been commissioned and are under stabilisation.
BSL	July'93	1626 (Base:1 st Qtr. '93)	1793 (Base:1 st Qtr. '94)	July'97	Major production facilities, except reheating Furnace No. 3 and upgradation of Coiler No. 1, have been completed and are under stabilisation.

*Anticipated.

(b) Salient reasons for delay in the modernisation project are tabulated, Plant-wise, below:

Plant	Reasons for delay
Durgapur Steel Plant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay in completion of Design Engineering • Disintegration of erstwhile USSR. • Under-Estimation of work by Contracting Agencies • Cash Constraints with Contracting Agencies • Delays in execution by Contracting Agencies • Inadequate mobilisation of resources by contractors.

Plant	Reasons for delay
Rourkela Steel Plant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate Deployment of Resources for Design Engineering for Global Packages and Critical Indigenous Packages. • Slow Progress of structural Fabrication Work. • Delay in Supply of Indigenous Equipment. • Delay in Finalisation of Financing Agreement and Order under Indo-French Protocol for Reheating Furnaces. • Paucity of funds with contractors. • Inadequate Mobilisation of resources at site by contractors.

- Bokaro Steel Plant • Delay in finalisation of basic and detailed engineering for Reheating Furnaces.
- Delay in finalisation of basic and detailed engineering for Hot Strip Mill packages.
 - Delay in equipment supply.
 - Inadequate mobilisation of resources at site by contractors.
 - Delay in equipment/factory erection for Reheating Furnace package.

Cost cutting by PSUs

3056. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PSUs under the Ministry have taken series of measures during 1998-99 for cost cutting in production and related activities and drastically doing away with unproductive activities;

(b) if so, the details of the fresh initiatives taken by each of the PSUs target set and achieved during 1998-99;

(c) what has been the performance of PSUs, PSU-wise during 1998-99 as per commitment made and achieved under MOU; and

(d) the details of plan of action finalised for the current year for better performance of the PSUs and targets physical and financial set; PSU-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fertilizer industries set up by SAIL

3057. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fertilizer industries set up by the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) in the country;

(b) the quantum of fertilizers produced in such fertilizer industries during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the number of dealers appointed for sale of such fertilizers, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has set up one fertilizer plant in Rourkela Steel Plant, Rourkela. The quantity of fertilizer produced during the last three years has been as under:

(Unit: Tonne)

Item	Year		
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (CAN)	148284	115195	91275

(c) The state-wise number of dealers appointed by SAIL as on 01-03-1999 is as under:

State	Number of dealers including institutional agencies i.e. State Co-operatives & Agros
Andhra Pradesh	171
Karnataka	22
Tamil Nadu	26
Maharashtra	8
Bihar	108
Uttar Pradesh	2
Madhya Pradesh	12
Orissa	63
West Bengal	66
Assam	1

Privatising the Steel Plant

3058. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that welfare measures in the Steel Plant will be curtailed and there are serious efforts to