

meeting was also held on 18.9.98 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of Jammu & Kashmir to review the situation and various decisions were taken to curb illegal mining which include surveillance by Police petrol in the area at regular intervals during current season till there is snow fall, re-introduction 'Rehdari System' in the area to regulate move of people by establishing police force at all strategic points besides ensuring setting up of police force at Machal and shifting centre camp of the Sheep and Animal Husbandary Department of the State Government near the mine site to some other place to ensure proper movement control in the area.

Performance of SAIL Units

1660. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of SAIL Units during the last three years and current year in terms of standard norms of assessment, year-wise and unit-wise;

(b) the details of areas of deteriorating financial achievements, unit-wise;

(c) the details of action plan suggested by the IDBI for restructuring and rationalising range of production activities in units under SAIL; and

(d) the details of action plan formulated by the SAIL to improve sagging financial performance of units under SAIL?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK):

(a) production performance of salcable steel by SAIL (excluding subsidiaries) during the last 3 year and current year is as follows:

(Unit '000 T)

	1995-96			1996-97		
	Plan	Actual	% Ful	Plan	Actual	% Ful
BSP	3250	3495	108	3370	3582	106
DSP	1190	947	80	1350	1093	81
RSP	1190	1148	96	1300	1180	91
BSL	3220	3330	103	3280	3046	93
SAIL 4 Plant	8850	8920	101	9300	8902	96
ASP	175	187	107	180	201	112
SSP	75	48	64	80	132	166
SAIL	9100	9155	101	9560	9233	97

(Unit '000 T)

	1997-98			Apr-Sept '98		
	Plan	Actual	% Ful	Plan	Actual	% Ful
BSP	3380	3524	104	1710	1713	100
DSP	1370	1259	92	587	612	104

	1997-98			Apr-Sept '98		
	Plan	Actual	% Ful	Plan	Actual	% Ful
RSP	1240	1181	95	649	510	79
BSL	3310	2748	83	1240	1003	81
SAIL 4 Plant	9300	8712	94	4186	3836	92
ASP	180	154	86	63	52	82
SSP	120	177	147	100	65	65
SAIL	9600	9043	94	4349	3954	91

(b) The financial performance of SAIL units for the last three years is as under:

(Rs./Crores)

	Profit/Loss (-) [Before Tax]		
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Bhilai Steel Plant	819	684	701
Durgapur Steel Plant	-174	-234	-509
Rourkela Steel Plant	-57	-316	-374
Bokaro Steel Plant	806	357	367
Alloy Steel Plant	1	-67	-88
Salem Steel Plant	4	-38	-120

(c) and (d) Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has recommended financial restructuring of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) which primarily envisages relief from Steel Development Fund (SDF) loan/Government of India loan towards writing down of fixed assets to the extent of interest capitalised, writing-off of loans and advances given by SAIL to IISCO, etc. The IDBI have, in their report, inter-alia also concluded that SAIL should consider business solutions as a long term strategy for improving operations and enhancing returns such as rationalization/divestment of idle or non-core assets, divestment from unrelated/non-core operations, and of loss making units, etc.

SAIL is taking various measures on a continuous basis which inter-alia include

reduction in cost by improving the techno-economic parameters, demand oriented production, improving quality of products, and increasing sales through aggressive and customer oriented marketing, etc.

Tapping Mineral Resources in N.F. Region

1661. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have launched any survey/project to assess the possibilities of tapping mineral resources of North-East Region in general and Assam in particular;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?