

SAIL consolidates its financial results on half yearly and annual basis. Hence, profit position will be known after expiry of six months/year of the current financial year.

(b) During the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 SAIL imported "Low Ash Metallurgical Coking Coal" of prime quality as a quantitative and qualitative supplement to the indigenous coking coal from Australia, New Zealand and China to meet the total requirement of Steel Plants.

* Subject to CAG Audit.

The quantity of Coal imported by SAIL and total value was as follows:

Qty.: In Million Tonnes
Value: Rs. in Crores

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1. Quantity	5.385	5.685	6.61
2. Value including freight	1023.8	1273.8	1565.5

(c) The quantity of coal purchased from Coal India Limited (CIL) is given below:

Qty: In Million Tonnes

Year	Coking Coal	Non-Coking Coal
1994-95	8.76	4.26
1995-96	9.04	4.10
1996-97	7.81	4.54

Difference Between Management of VSP and Andhra Pradesh Government

595. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the differences of opinion between management of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and Andhra Pradesh Government on the Gongavaram Port;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the acreage of land in question?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTERS OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) There is no difference of opinion on the need to develop a minor port at Gangavaram between the management of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Exact quantum of land required for development of a minor port will be known on completion of mutual consultations presently in progress.

Production of Steel at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

596. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual production of steel at Visakhapatnam steel plant;

(b) what is the capacity;

(c) whether there is a proposal to improve productivity of V.S.P.; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTERS OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) (a) The annual production of steel at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant for the last three years is given below:

(In million tonnes)

Item	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Liquid Steel	1.9	2.3	2.4
Salcable Steel	1.5	2.1	2.1

(b) The annual installed capacity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is 3.0 million tonnes of Liquid Steel and 2.6 million tonnes of Salcable Steel.

(c) Yes, Sir.