

[17 August, 2000]

RAJYA SABHA

Losses Incurred by RSP

[†]2448. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the profits/losses incurred by the Rourkela Steel Plant during the last three years;

(b) the extent to which the modernisation work of this plant has been completed so far; and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) The losses of the Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) for the last three years are given below:

Year	(Rs. in crore)
1997-98	374
1998-99	765
1999-2000	704

(b) and (c) The modernisation of the RSP was completed in November, 1999.

Proposal for disinvestment of SAIL Units

2449. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed disinvestment of some of the SAIL units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the views of the M.Ps. attached to the Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) In view of its unsatisfactory liquidity position, and with a view improve long term

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.