

Pushing up of steel production

3989. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the SAIL aims to push steel production to 24 million tonnes by year 2013;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the SAIL is considering to undertake modernisation of all of its plants at a total cost of Rs. 72,000 crore; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) SAIL is implementing modernisation and expansion plans at its five integrated steel plants at Bhilai, Bokaro, Rourkela, Durgapur & Burnpur and special steel plant at Salem to Enhance its crude steel production capacity from 12.84 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) to 21.40 MTPA. In terms of hot metal, the production capacity is envisaged to increase from 13.82 MTPA to 23.46 MTPA. The current phase of modernisation and expansion of SAIL is expected to be completed progressively by 2012-2013.

(c) and (d) The indicative investment for current phase of modernisation and expansion plans of SAIL works out to 61,870-crore. Besides, a provision of Rs.10,264 crore has been made towards investment in existing iron ore mines of SAIL.

Modernisation of SAIL

3990. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of modernisation of steel plants of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL);
- (b) whether there are environmental issues blocking the modernisation of these plants;
- (c) the effect of these modernisation proposals once completed; and
- (d) whether any assessment has been made about the result of the modernisation on the overall production of these steel plants?