

Closure of mines of SAIL in Keonjhar and Sundergarh district

2897. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Steel Plants production were affected as many captive mine of SAIL in Keonjhar and Sundargarh District were closed because environmental department is not giving the clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Nationalization of steel plants

2898. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) how many private companies have got permission to install steel plants, in the last five years, State-wise details thereof;

(b) how many companies have started production, the details thereof;

(c) how many companies Government is going to overtake, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(d) the financial position of these companies; and

(e) what steps Government takes before overtaking such units?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) Steel is a de-regulated sector. As such no permission is required from the Ministry of Steel for installation of private steel plants in the country. Main private sector steel companies include TATA Steel, Essar Steel, Jindal Steel & Power, JSW Steel, Bhushan Power & Steel, Bhushan Steel etc. There are several medium and small