

(c) Government has been making persistent efforts to promote hockey in the country.

Statement

Details of astroturf hockey grounds, funded by Government of India

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of astroturf grounds
1.	Punjab	4
2.	Himachal Pradesh	1
3.	Haryana	1
4.	Uttar Pradesh	3
5.	Madhya Pradesh	2
6.	Gujarat	1
7.	Maharashtra	1
8.	Karnataka	3
9.	West Bengal	1
10.	Odisha	2
11.	Assam	1
12.	Manipur	1
13.	Mizoram	1
14.	New Delhi	5
TOTAL		25

Expansion plans of SAIL

*302. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expansion plans of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) in the coming ten to fifteen years;

(b) the amount that would be required for this purpose;

(c) the manner in which SAIL is planning to pool the resources for this;

(d) the efforts the Ministry is making to touch the world standards in steel consumption;

(e) the details of Greenfield and Brownfield projects that SAIL is going to undertake as part of its expansion plan; and

(f) whether there is any proposal to set up a steel plant at Bayyaram in Telangana State, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) and (e) SAIL has prepared a draft plan (Vision-2025) to increase its hot metal production to approximately 50 million tons by 2025 (in a phased manner), mainly through brownfield expansion. The proposal is under consideration of SAIL management.

(b) and (c) The estimated investment for increasing SAIL's hot metal production from a level of around 23 million tonnes (planned under on-going modernisation and expansion) to 50 million tonnes would tentatively be around Rs.1,50,000 crores. The expenditure will be met by SAIL through internal resource generation and market borrowings.

(d) Steel is a de-regulated sector. The Government plays the role of a facilitator and in this capacity, the Government announces various measures/policies for boosting domestic steel consumption. Demand for steel in India is directly linked to GDP growth. Various measures taken to boost GDP growth, including increased investment in sectors like infrastructure, housing, manufacturing etc. will help in increasing steel consumption in the country. Expansion of retail network, especially in rural areas will also help in increasing steel consumption. The Institute for Steel Development and Growth (INSDAG) is engaged in creating the environment for higher usage of steel in the country.

(f) No, Sir. There are no plans currently before SAIL to set up a Steel Plant at Bayyaram of Khamman District. However, as per the 13th schedule of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, SAIL is to examine the feasibility of establishing an Integrated Steel Plant in Khammam district of Telangana within 6 months from the appointed day, i.e. 02/06/2014. The feasibility report is expected to be ready by December, 2014.

VRS for ONGC staff

303. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) is working for Voluntary Retirement Scheme for its staff; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response received so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Oil and Natural Gas