

Measures to increase steel production

446. DR. BHALCHANDRAMUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise production of steel in the country during the last five years;
- (b) the year-wise figures of public and private investment in the steel sector during the last five years; and
- (c) what measures Government proposes to increase steel production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) Data on production of crude steel in India during the last five years is shown in the table below:

Year	India: Crude steel Production (million tonnes or MT.)
2009-2010	65.84
2010-2011	70.67
2011-2012	74.29
2012-2013	78.42
2013-2014	81.69

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC)

(b) The year-wise figures of public investment in the steel sector during the last five years is given below:

Year	Investment by *SAIL (Amount in crores) (₹)	Investment by **RINL (Amount in crores) (₹)
2009-2010	10606	2278.20
2010-2011	11280	2901.99
2011-2012	11021	1896.45
2012-2013	9731	1287.43
2013-2014	9890	1512.06

Source: *Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)

** Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)

Steel is a deregulated sector and the details of investment of the steel plants operating in the private sector are not maintained by the Government.

(c) The Government has taken the following steps to increase the steel production:

- (i) An Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) has been set up in the Ministry of Steel for effective coordination and expediting implementation of various investment projects in the steel sector.
- (ii) A Project Monitoring Group (PMG) has been constituted under the Cabinet Secretariat to fast track various clearances/resolution of issues delaying the investments of ₹1000 crores or more in the manufacturing/ infrastructure sector including the steel sector.
- (iii) To increase domestic value addition and improve iron ore availability for domestic steel industry, duty on export of iron ore has been increased to 30%. Recently, the Government has imposed export duty @ 5% *ad-valorem* on export of iron ore pellets.
- (iv) Rates of custom duty on stainless steel flat products have been enhanced from 5% to 7.5% in the Union Budget for 2014-15.

Mines allotted to KIOCL in Karnataka

447. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has allotted any mine for the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd. (KIOCL) in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and by when KIOCL will be allotted with mines;
- (c) whether KIOCL and Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) are jointly setting up a 2 million tonnes a year capacity pellet plant at the Bokaro Steel Plant; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) and (b) Ministry of Mines conveyed prior approval of the Central Government under Section 5(1) of MMDR Act, 1957 in June, 2008 for grant of mining lease for iron ore and manganese ore over an area of 116.55 hect. in Hombalagatta and Hosahalli