

modernization and expansion of its five integrated steel plants at Bhilai, Bokaro, Rourkela, Durgapur & Burnpur to enhance its crude steel production capacity from 12.8 MTPA to 21.4 MTPA in the current phase. The indicative investment for current Phase of Modernization & Expansion is about ₹ 61,870 crore. Besides, provision of ₹ 10,264 crore has been made towards investment in development of mines.

(c) The Profit Before Tax (PBT) and Profit After Tax (PAT) of SAIL during the quarter October-December 2014 is ₹ 720 crore and ₹ 579 crore respectively as compared to ₹ 705 crore and ₹ 533 crore respectively during comparative period last year.

(d) The measures to improve the efficiency and productivity include increasing Coal Dust Injection (CDI) in Blast Furnaces (BFs) to reduce the requirement of BF coke, reduction in coke rate, reduction in usage of other raw materials like iron ore, limestone, dolomite, ferro alloys, etc., reduction in specific energy consumption, maximizing production of crude steel through cost effective continuous casting route and reduction in specific water consumption in various plants of SAIL.

Steel plant at Bayyaram, Telangana

1574. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to invest ₹ 1.5 lakh crores in setting up of steel plants in 4 States;

(b) if so, whether Ministry is setting up a steel plant at Bayyaram in Telangana; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has prepared a draft plan "Vision 2025" for increasing its hot metal production from a level of around 23 MTPA (after the ongoing expansion plan) to around 50 MTPA in a phased manner by 2025-26. The estimated investment in expansion of the integrated steel plants is likely to be around ₹ 1.5 lakh crore. National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) is constructing a 3 MTPA integrated steel plant at Nagarnar, Chhattisgarh with an investment of ₹ 15,525 crore.

(b) and (c) 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. The feasibility report has been prepared and submitted by SAIL.