

**Steel plants incurring losses**

2360. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) how many steel industries are there in the country and their production capacity especially public sector undertaking industries;

(b) how many steel plants are running under loss and quantum of loss incurred during last three years;

(c) the number of employees working in these industries; and

(d) the steps taken by the Ministry to overcome from these lacunae?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) There are 9 steel plants in the public sector and 1321 steel plants in the private sector. The production capacity of public sector steel plants and private sector steel plants is given below:

(Figures in '000 tonnes)

Sector	Capacity
Public Sector Steel Plants	15929
Private Sector Steel Plants	85092

(b) and (c) The Government does not maintain any records of the steel plants running under loss and the number of employees working in steel industries. However, no PSU is running in loss and the number of employees working in Public Sector Steel Plants is given below:

Name of the PSU	No. of employees as on 1.3.2015
Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)	93851
Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)	18111

(d) Steel being a deregulated sector, the role of the Government is limited to that of a facilitator only.

**Policy to boost performance of steel sector**

2361. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently reviewed the performance of steel industry in public and private sector in terms of targets sets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of major policy, decision taken in the recent past/under consideration to boost the sagging performance of steel sector; and