

(d) the details of progress and investment made/proposed to be made for modernisation of steel PSUs, PSU-wise structural revamp in general and for SAIL in particular for coming years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) and (b) Ministry of Steel regularly reviews the performance of its Public Sector Undertakings. In these meetings, the issues of CPSEs pending to be taken up with other Ministries/Departments as also with other State Governments are identified/flagged and pursued.

Steel is a de-regulated sector and the role of Government is that of a facilitator only and hence Government has no control over the performance of private sector steel industry.

(c) Government has issued Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Ordinance, 2015 and the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Ordinance, 2014 which would facilitate the availability of raw materials to various sectors including Steel sector.

(d) Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has undertaken modernization and expansion of its five integrated steel plants at Bhilai, Bokaro, Rourkela, Durgapur and Burnpur and special steel plant at Salem 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 and Expansion works out to ₹ 61,870 crore. Besides, provision of ₹ 10,264 crore has been made towards investment in existing mines and development of Rowghat mine.

The expansion project at Salem Steel Plant has been completed and all facilities under the integrated process route at Rourkela and IISCO Steel Plants are in operation, stabilization and ramp-up.

At Bokaro, Durgapur and Bhilai Steel Plants, operation has started from completed facilities.

RINL has undertaken Modernisation and Expansion plan at an estimated cost of about ₹ 14701 Crore. Units under stage-I expansion have been commissioned and are in regular operation.

#### **Pellet Manufacturing Plant at Gua Iron Ore Mines in Jharkhand**

2362. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Pellet manufacturing plant is being established in the iron ore mines of gua, situated in West Singhbhum District of Jharkhand;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any process has been taken place so far in this direction;
- (d) the expected outlay of the Pellet Plant and expected production therefrom; and
- (e) the status of the action plan of such Pellet Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) will invest about ₹ 4749 crore to enhance its iron ore production capacity of the iron ore mines of Gua in West Singhbhum District of Jharkhand. This includes an outlay of about ₹ 2743 crore to set up state of the art crushing, beneficiation and pelletisation plant facilities. Letter of Award (LoA) for the main package consisting of crushing plant, downhill conveyor, a beneficiation plant and pellet plant module has been awarded in April, 2014 and it is to be completed in 40 months. After expansion the capacity of Gua mines will increase to 10 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) which includes 6 MTPA of iron ore lumps and fines and 4 MTPA of pellets.

#### **Accidents in various steel plants**

2363. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been increase in the number of accidents in the various steel plants in the country including the privately-owned companies during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the plant-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor including the number and nature of accidents that took place in various steel plants along with the number of persons injured/died in such accidents during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the amount of compensation paid to the injured/families of the deceased persons in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) and (b) Details of accidents which occurred in different public sector steel plants of the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) during the last three years and the current year is given in the Statement (*See below*). The accidents at these plants have occurred due to reasons such as fall from height, gas poisoning, electrocution, burn injury, fire/explosion etc.