

manufacturing company has operations which *inter-alia* cover Eastern India. The Profit After Tax (PAT) of SAIL during the last three years is as under:

(₹ in crore)		
2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
2170	2616	2093

The profits of SAIL have mainly declined due to reduction in NSR (Net Sales Realization) of saleable steel, volatility in prices of coal and other inputs including increase in railway freight, port congestion charges, royalty on iron ore etc., and higher usage of imported coal due to lower availability of indigenous coal etc.

(d) and (e) Operational costs/ input costs of SAIL during the last three years have been about ₹ 44150 crore, ₹ 44667 crore and ₹ 45693 crore for financial year 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively.

All Plants/Units have been advised to focus on operating as well as on non-operating areas to reduce the cost of production including improvement in production, sales, product-mix and value added products, techno-economic parameters, management of funds etc.

Acquisition of IDCOL Kalinga Iron Works Ltd. by SAIL

2687. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal of acquisition of IDCOL Kalinga Iron Works Ltd., Keonjhar, Odisha by SAIL is pending with the Ministry; and

(b) if so, what is its present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) However, IDCOL has submitted a proposal to SAIL offering 51% of its share to SAIL. This proposal is presently under consideration of SAIL.

Encouraging tourism in various States

2688. KUMARI SELJA:

SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the places identified and developed and schemes formulated by Government for encouraging tourism in various States of the country including Maharashtra and Haryana during the last two years?