

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?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): The Ministry of Tourism has launched following two new schemes pursuant to the Budget 2014-15 announcements:

- (1) Swadesh Darshan for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits around Specific Themes.
- (2) National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) to beautify and improve the amenities and infrastructure at pilgrimage centres of all faiths.

Twelve theme based circuits *i.e.* North East Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit and Ramayana Circuit have been identified for development under “Swadesh Darshan”. Some of these Circuits also cover the States of Maharashtra and Haryana.

Under PRASAD, initially twelve cities have been identified namely Ajmer, Amritsar, Amravati, Dwarka, Gaya, Kedarnath, Kamakhya, Kanchipuram, Mathura, Puri, Varanasi and Velankanni.

The list of number of projects and amount sanctioned under Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits (PIDDC), Human Resource Development (HRD), Fairs and Festivals, Rural Tourism, Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD schemes during the last two years and current year are given in Statement.

Statement

The list of number of projects and amount sanctioned under Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits (PIDDC), Human Resource Development (HRD), Fairs and Festivals, Rural Tourism, Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD schemes during the last two years and current year 2013-2014 and 2014-15

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	2013-14		2014-15	
		No. of Projects	Amt. Sanctioned	No. of Projects	Amt. Sanctioned
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14	4532.02	11	9515.53
	Combined Projects for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana	1	4588.80		

1	2	3	4	5	6
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	11	7473.64	8	8455.35
3.	Andaman and Nicobar	0	0.00	0	0.00
4.	Assam	0	0.00	3	3568.11
5.	Bihar	14	11109.85	3	4220.47
6.	Chandigarh	0	0.00	0	0.00
7.	Chhattisgarh	0	0.00	5	990.13
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	0.00	0	0.00
9.	Daman and Diu	0	0.00	1	775.54
10.	Delhi	2	5768.98	0	0.00
11.	Goa	0	0.00	1	879.04
12.	Gujarat	0	0.00	0	0.00
13.	Haryana	8	1487.25	3	121.66
14.	Himachal Pradesh	1	3371.52	0	0.00
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	15	7618.54	2	732.50
16.	Jharkhand	1	500.00	0	0.00
17.	Kerala	10	4065.63	0	0.00
18.	Karnataka	8	3228.71	1	5000.00
19.	Lakshadweep	0	0.00	0	0.00
20.	Maharashtra	6	6795.18	0	0.00
21.	Manipur	8	7234.84	7	14752.51
22.	Meghalaya	3	46.90	0	0.00
23.	Mizoram	10	4711.16	3	4879.69
24.	Madhya Pradesh	9	10021.29	5	3690.54
25.	Nagaland	11	5222.01	10	5980.20
26.	Odisha	12	6543.08	3	6488.34
27.	Puducherry	1	4848.16	0	0.00
28.	Punjab	2	1038.86	3	4831.98
29.	Rajasthan	10	5174.71	2	149.93
30.	Sikkim	14	10485.00	8	5200.00
31.	Tamil Nadu	0	0.00	0	0.00
32.	Telangana	8	3370.07	4	504.36

1	2	3	4	5	6
33.	Tripura	0	0.00	0	0.00
34.	Uttar Pradesh	26	13071.32	4	3368.05
35.	Uttarakhand	29	21772.67	1	391.69
36.	West Bengal	0	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL		234	154080.19	88	84495.62

Note : Includes Projects relating to Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits (PIDDC), Human Resource Development (HRD), Fairs and Festivals and Rural Tourism.

Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No	Name of the Circuit	State	Name of Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1	2	3	4	5	6
2014-15					
1.	Coastal	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World class coastal and Eco Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh	69.83	13.96
2.	North East	Arunachal Pradesh	Bhaulpong-Bomdila-Twang in Arunachal Pradesh	50.00	10.00
3.	Buddhist Circuit	Bihar	Cultural Centre, Bodhgaya	33.17	6.63
2015-16					
1.	North East	Manipur	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal – Moirang – Khongjom – Moreh	71.82	14.36
2.	North East	Sikkim	Development of Tourist Circuit linking – Rangpo (entry) – Rorathang – Aritar – Phadamchen – Nathang – Sherathang – Tsongmo – Gangtok	98.05	19.61

1	2	3	4	5	6
			– Phodong – Mangan – Lachung – Yumthang – Lachen – Thangu – Gurudongmer – Mangan – Gangtok – Tumin Lingee – Singtam (exit) in Sikkim		
TOTAL				322.87	64.56

Projects sanctioned under PRASAD in 2014-15

(₹ in crore)

Sl.No.	Name of the City	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Gaya	Dev. of basic facilities at Vishnupad Temple, Gaya, Bihar	4.29	0.86
2.	Puri	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham – Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli – Dhauli under Mega Circuit	50.00	10.00
3.	Mathura	Mathura – Vrindavan as a Mega Tourist Circuit (Phase-I)	14.93	2.99
4.	Mathura	Mathura Tourist Facilitation Center	9.35	1.75
TOTAL			78.57	15.60

Strategy to attract foreign tourists

2689. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned any strategy to attract more foreign tourists in the country in future;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of funds sanctioned for the development of infrastructural changes made in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that State of West Bengal has received zero compensation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?