

concerned Agencies/Departments of the Government. The energy-efficient and emission reduction provisions are in-built in the EC process.

(d) The modernisation and expansion of SAIL steel plant at Salem was completed in September '10, Durgapur in June '15 and Bokaro in September '15. The modernized and expanded Rourkela Steel Plant, IISCO Steel Plant and Bhilai steel plant have been dedicated to the nation on 01.04.2015, 10.05.2015 and 14.06.2018 respectively.

RINL has completed expansion for doubling its liquid steel capacity from 3 MTPA to 6.3 MTPA of Vizag Steel Plant in April, 2015. One more Converter and Caster have been installed, enhancing liquid steel capacity by 01 MTPA. *i.e.* from 6.3 MTPA to 7.3 MTPA. All the modernized and revamped units and additional Converter and Caster units are in operation.

In order to meet the international standards and to implement the National Steel Policy, 2017, the public sector steel companies regularly undertake capital investments on projects from their own resources from time-to-time based on commercial considerations and market dynamics.

Getting international recognition for traditional textile

†435. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any planning has been made to get international recognition for traditional textiles of the country like Banarsi, Chanderi, Kosa etc.;

(b) if so, the details of the planning; and

(c) the increase recorded in the import of Indian traditional textiles during the last four years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) and (b) Government of India has been providing assistance for registration of traditional textiles, including Handlooms under "Geographical Indication (GI)-Act 1999". As on date, 71 handloom products have been registered under "GI-Act 1999".

(c) As per last Handloom Census, there are 23 lakh handlooms in the country, producing various traditional handloom products including Baranasi, Chanderi, Kosa etc. During 2017-18 and 2018-19 (upto October, 2018), export of handloom products was ₹ 2280.18 crore and ₹ 1374.63 crore respectively.

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