

Steps to increase production of steel

1918. SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government is currently taking to increase the production of steel; and

(b) the percentage of domestic requirement that is currently being fulfilled through imports?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) Steel industry is a de-regulated sector. Indian steel companies take their own decisions based on commercial and market dynamics. Government has brought National Steel Policy (NSP), 2017, Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMI & SP) Policy, Steel Scrap Policy and encouraged domestic steel usage in Government procurement. Quality Control Orders have been notified towards prevention of unfair trade practices.

(b) During the year 2018-2019, the total steel import constituted 7.9% of total demand of finished steel in the country. The total production, consumption and import of finished steel for the year 2018-2019 is as under:-

| Total Finished Steel (MT) | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Year | Consumption | Import | Percentage of Import to Consumption |
| 2018-2019 | 98.71 | 7.84 | 7.9% |

Source: JPC

Steel production capacity of the country

1919. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the steel production capacity of the country at present including the details of the units engaged in steel production and mining;

(b) the places where Government, Semi-Government and Non-Government units are producing steel, State-wise;

(c) whether the production of these plants/units is adequate;

(d) if not, whether Government has any plan to set up new steel plants in the country; and

(e) if so, the names of the places where Government proposes to set up new steel plants?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) and (b) The total crude steel production capacity of the country during 2018-19 is 142 million tonnes. Details of the units engaged in Steel production are given in the Statement (*See below*). As per Indian Mineral Yearbook, 2018 published by Indian Bureau of Mines, there were 1430 reporting mines in 2017-18. Among them, 146 mines were in the Public Sector and 1284 in the Private Sector.

(c) Data on gross production, export and consumption of finished steel is given below for the last year and current year which indicates that gross production has exceeded domestic consumption of the same in each of these periods:-

| Year | Total Finished Steel (mt) | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| | Production | Consumption |
| 2018-19 | 101.29 | 98.71 |
| April-October, 2019* | 59.73 | 59.05 |

Source: JPC*provisional; mt= million tonnes

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Steel being a deregulated sector, specific decision of setting up of the steel plant and its location is taken by individual steel companies/investor on the basis of commercial consideration and market dynamics. Presently, NMDC is setting up a steel plant at Nagarnar, Bastar, Chhattisgarh.

Statement

Details of Steel Production Capacity and No. of units, State-wise 2018-19

(A) PRIVATE SECTOR

| State | ‘000t | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Units | Capacity | Production |
| Eastern Region | | | |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 3 | 125 | 39 |
| Assam | 8 | 205 | 83 |
| Bihar | 20 | 837 | 563 |
| Jharkhand | 64 | 14815 | 13405 |
| Meghalaya | 7 | 185 | 65 |
| Odisha | 62 | 22617 | 15641 |
| Tripura | 1 | 30 | 7 |
| West Bengal | 48 | 5886 | 3283 |
| EASTERN REGION TOTAL | 213 | 44700 | 33066 |

| State | Units | Capacity | Production |
|--------------------------|-------|----------|------------|
| Western Region | | | |
| Chhattisgarh | 76 | 12564 | 8717 |
| Dadra and Nagar Havel | 20 | 316 | 291 |
| Daman and Diu | 3 | 44 | 50 |
| Goa | 12 | 474 | 429 |
| Gujarat | 66 | 12646 | 8654 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 11 | 555 | 506 |
| Maharashtra | 56 | 11791 | 9114 |
| WESTERN REGION TOTAL | 244 | 38390 | 27760 |
| Northern Region | | | |
| Delhi | 2 | 16 | 13 |
| Haryana | 10 | 953 | 803 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 21 | 862 | 730 |
| Jammu and Kashmir | 8 | 189 | 136 |
| Punjab | 117 | 4800 | 3611 |
| Rajasthan | 41 | 1286 | 1158 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 46 | 1551 | 1321 |
| Uttarakhand | 37 | 1389 | 1069 |
| NORTHERN REGION TOTAL | 282 | 11046 | 8840 |
| Southern Region | | | |
| Andhra Pradesh | 26 | 1956 | 1700 |
| Karnataka | 30 | 15062 | 13327 |
| Kerala | 35 | 535 | 349 |
| Puducherry | 10 | 249 | 190 |
| Tamil Nadu | 101 | 3661 | 2919 |
| Telangana | 27 | 1205 | 1274 |
| SOUTHERN REGION TOTAL | 229 | 22668 | 19759 |
| (B) Public Sector | | | |
| Chhattisgarh | BSP | 5500 | 4447 |
| West Bengal | DSP | 2200 | 2219 |

| State | Units | Capacity | Production |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|------------|
| Odisha | RSP | 3800 | 3658 |
| Jharkhand | BSL | 4600 | 3833 |
| West Bengal | ISP | 2500 | 1888 |
| West Bengal | ASP | 234 | 101 |
| Tamil Nadu | SSP | 180 | 117 |
| Karnataka | VISL | 118 | 0 |
| TOTAL: SAIL | | 19132 | 16263 |
| Andhra Pradesh | RINL | 6300 | 5233 |
| TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR | | 25432 | 21496 |
| TOTAL: Private Sector | 968 | 116804 | 89425 |
| TOTAL: Public Sector | 9 | 25432 | 21496 |
| ALL REGION TOTAL | 977 | 142236 | 110921 |

Source: JPC

Wage revision of employees of sail

†1920. MS. SAROJ PANDEY : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the wage revision of the employees of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), which comes under the Ministry of Steel, is pending since 2017; and

(b) if so, the number of officers and staff whose wage revision is still pending and by when this revision would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of employees in Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) as on 01.11.2019 is 11,604 Executives and 59,206 Non-Executives, The Wage Revision of Executives and Non-Executives of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) is governed by the guidelines issued in this regard by the Department of Public Enterprises from time to time which stipulate affordability and financial sustainability of such wage revision.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.