

The Ministry had released ₹ 1.00 Crore to National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) for conducting skill development training programme for the members of Transgender Community during financial year 2018-19.

At present there is no reservation for Transgender persons in public sector employment.

Sick public sector steel units

1915. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA:

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sick public sector steel units in the country at present;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to revive the said units;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, plant-wise; and
- (d) the time by which the said work is likely to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) to (d) There are two steel manufacturing Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) under the Ministry of Steel namely Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL). Both CPSEs do not fall under the category of sick CPSEs.

Decline of export of finished steel

1916. SHRI MANISH GUPTA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of finished steel exports as compared to imports, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the country's exports of finished steel are presently falling, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) what action Government has initiated to reverse this trend with any new policies, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) The present status of finished steel exports as compared to imports are as under:-

(Quantity in Million Tonnes)

Year/Period	Trade of Finished Steel		Net Trade
	Export	Import	
2018-19	6.36	7.84	-1.48
April-October, 2018-19	3.83	4.68	-0.85
April-October, 2019-20	4.89	4.65	0.24

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The export of finished steel has increased during April-October, 2019-20 as compared to same period during last financial year and we are net exporters during this period.

MSMEs of Bokaro facing closure due to delayed payments by sail

1917. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MSMEs of Bokaro is facing closure due to delayed payments by SAIL, BSL;

(b) if so, the details thereof, case-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that because of inordinate delays in issuing Goods Receipt Note (GRN)/acceptance on the part of BSL against materials supplied, MSMEs were unable to raise bills; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial steps taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) and (b) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has informed that payment to MSMEs by Bokaro Steel Plant is not delayed. It is made as per the norms / agreed terms and conditions with the MSME after due verification of Bills raised by the MSME concerned along with requisite documents.

(c) and (d) SAIL has further informed that Good Receipt Notes (GRNs)/acceptance on the part of Bokaro Steel Plant against materials supplied are issued after due inspection of the material supplied, subject to fulfillment of terms as per Purchase Order. Steps have been taken to streamline and expedite the inspection process and cut down on inspection time.