

Capacity of Govt. Steel Mills and its Utilization

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Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total capacity of all the steel mills owned by Government in the country;

(b) how much capacity is being utilized by each steel mill;

(c) what specific steps Government propose to take to utilise the full capacity in the steel mills;

(d) whether Government propose to expand some of the steel mills in the near future;

(e) if yes, the details thereof and the amount to be spent on them; and

(f) what will be the impact of the expansion on production and employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA):

(a) to (c). The following table gives information about the capacity of each of the public sector steel plants in terms of saleable steel, production and capacity utilisation in 1977-78 and the targets for 1978-79:—

('000 tonnes)

Plant	Rated capacity	1977-78		Targets for 1978-79	
		Production (%)	Capacity Utilisation	Production	Capacity Utilisation (%)
Bhilai	1965	1,930	98.2	1,935	98.5
Durgapur	1,239	864	69.7	1,000	80.7
Rourkela	1,225	1,178	96.2	1,170	95.5
Bokaro	1,355*	815	*	1,482	*
IISCO	800	506	63.3	600	75.0
A.S.P.	60	48.8	81.3	52.2	87.0

*The rated capacity of Bokaro Steel Plant at its first stage is 1.7 million tonnes of ingots and 1.355 million tonnes of saleable steel. It is presently being expanded to a capacity of 4.0 million ingot tonnes. Capacity utilisation has not been indicated as some of the units were under erection/erection in 1977-78 and some production will be available from some of the expansion units in 1978-79.

It will be noticed that Bhilai and Rourkela Steel Plants are already working at a highly satisfactory level of production. The capacity utilisation at Bokaro Steel Plant will go up steadily as expansion units are commissioned. A number of steps have also been taken to optimise utilisation of capacity of all the Steel Plants, e.g., continuous and concerted efforts to ensure adequate supplies of power and coking coal, provision of balancing facilities, programmes of modernisation/rehabilitation, introduction of technological improvements, better planning for preventive maintenance, etc.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. Bhilai and Bokaro Steel Plants are already being expanded from their present capacities of 2.5 and 1.7 million ingot tonnes to 4.0 million ingot tonnes each, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,120 crores and Rs. 1,072 crores respectively. A proposal to increase further the capacity of Bokaro Steel Plant to 4.75 million tonnes at an estimated cost of Rs. 115 crores is under consideration. Its further expansion to 5.5 million tonnes is also envisaged.

Govt. have sanctioned the setting up of a plant at Rourkela to produce 37,500 tonnes of CRGO and 36,000 tonnes of CRNO Sheets per annum, to meet the requirements of electrical industry, at an estimated cost of Rs. 109.80 crores.

The first phase of Salem Steel Ltd. to produce 32,000 tonnes of Cold rolled stainless steel sheets/strips at

an estimated cost of Rs. 180.57 crores has been approved.

It has been decided to provide additional melting facilities at the Alloy Steels Plant, Durgapur, to increase the existing capacity from 1,60,000 tonnes to 1,80,000 tonnes of ingots at an estimated cost of Rs. 8.46 crores.

(f) The capacity of production of saleable steel from the public sector main steel plants is expected to go up to 9.555 million tonnes by the end of 1982-83 as compared to the capacity of 6.584 million tonnes at the end of 1977-78.

The additional direct employment likely to be generated as a result of total investment envisaged for the Iron and Steel Sector during the Five Year Plan period, 1978-83, may be of the order of 38,000.

Cases of Gheraos and Sabotage

760. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases of sabotage, gheraos and violence in the last 6 months in the industry in each State;

(b) the total loss of life and property in that period;

(c) what were the figures of each type of acts in the last 3 years;