

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:397  
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VISHAKHAPATNAM STEEL PLANT  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) the production of steel in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) during 1999-2000;
- (b) the annual production / sale in VSP during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the production could not reach the full capacity; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

- (a) The production of liquid steel in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) during 1999-2000 was 2.656 MT.
- (b) The annual production / sale of various products in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant during the last three years is as under:

Unit: `000Tonnes

Item 1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000

	Qty.	Sale	Qty.	Sale	Qty.	Sale
Bar Products	440	441	381	439	474	463
Wire Rods	745	665	579	653	700	663
MMSM Products (Medium Merchant & Structural Mill products)						
	430	402	380	448	553	508
Semis	635	660	593	552	655	614

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The reasons for not reaching the full capacity are as under:

- i) Present configuration of the Plant at RINL (VSP) leading to difficulties in production scheduling and logistics problems.
- ii) Mismatch in the productivity level of converter shop and continuous casting department.
- iii) The adverse height / diameter ratio of the converters.
- iv) Capacities were planned with maximum heat size of the converters instead of average heat size converters, as is done in other steel plants.
- v) Low level of automation in Steel Melt Shop.