

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:246
ANSWERED ON:15.12.1999
PRIVATE SECTOR STEEL PLANT .
T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have set up a monitoring group to oversee the progress of new steel plants in the private sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether construction of a number of private sector steel projects has been held up due to funding problems; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to help the private sector steel projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA STATED QUESTION NO.246 TC ANSWERED ON 15TH DECEMBER, 1999 TABLED BY SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI REGARDING PRIVATE SECTOR S PLANT.

(a) & (b): The Government have not set up a Monitoring Group to oversee the progress of the new steel plants in the private sector.
(c) & (d): According to available information, post liberalisation, the All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs) had sanctioned 19 new/green-field steel projects. Of these, 6 have been commissioned, 1 dropped by the promoter and the remaining 12 are under various stages of implementation. It is understood that some steel projects under implementation are delayed due to several factors including funding problems. Government have taken several steps to help the upcoming private sector steel projects. The problems of the industry have been taken up with the Ministry of Finance/AIFIs to extend need based assistance to last mile projects subject to due diligence by the AIFIs.