

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1689
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REDUCTION IN COST OF LIMESTONE AND DOLOMITE
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has taken any steps to reduce the cost and improve the quality of limestone and dolomite produced at Bhavnathpur limestone mines of raw material division of SAIL;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for not implementing the works even after awarding tenders for the raising work of limestone and dolomite in Bhavnathpur limestone mines;
- (d) whether SAIL has followed the policy of open tender for said works; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) In order to bring down the cost and improve quality of Limestone and Dolomite, SAIL has taken the following measures:
 - i) Reduction in Expenditure on Power.
 - ii) Rationalisation of Manpower and
 - iii) Quality Improvement by Effective Mining with Improved Supervision.
- (c)to(e): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.