

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5281
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SPONGE IRON PLANTS
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sponge iron plants set up in Orissa and Jharkhand both in the public and private sectors;
- (b) the employment opportunities generated by these plants separately;
- (c) whether any provision has been made to provide certain percentage of the jobs therein to the local people; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard so far?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): As per available information, the number of sponge iron plants set up in Orissa and Jharkhand are 20 and 7 respectively. There is no sponge iron plants in these States in Central Public Sector. Hence, details like employment, provision for certain percentage of the jobs to local people are not maintained by the Government.