

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MAN POWER IN SAIL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether man power in Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is regulated through Annual Human Resources Budget;
- (b) if so, the manpower reduced in SAIL from 1995 onwards;
- (c) whether the performance of SAIL has improved thereafter;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Between April, 1995 and March, 2000, SAIL has reduced its manpower by 29,566.

(c) to (e): The manpower productivity of SAIL plants which is measured in terms of ingot tonnes per man year has increased from 90 tonnes during 1995 to 96 tonnes in the current year. However, overall performance of the company depends on other factors also, such as technology, domestic and international market conditions, working capital management etc.. Government have recently approved a plan for the business and financial restructuring of SAIL, with a view to increase its competitiveness and to turn the company on to a path of profitability. It is also in constant dialogue with SAIL and periodically reviews its performance with a view to increase its competitiveness and efficiency.