

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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ALLEGED POOR QUALITY OF LIME STONE
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives behind the setting up of raw material division in subsidiary unit of SAIL;
- (b) the extent to which the raw material division has achieved its objectives;
- (c) whether the inferior quality of lime stone has been procured by SAIL's auxiliary unit Bokaro Steel Plant;
- (d) if so, the details of chemical analysis of the lime stone produced by Raw Material Division and the lime stone directly purchased from Private mine owners by Bokaro Steel Plant during the last three years;
- (e) whether any substandard raw material has been supplied during the said period; and
- (f) if so, the action proposed to be taken against those found guilty in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY)

(a) The Raw Materials Division of SAIL was formed with the following salient objectives.

- Efficient functioning of the Captive Mines
- Optimising the utilisation of Raw Materials through proper networking of Captive Mines and Steel Plants
- Despatch of quality raw materials as per requirement of Steel Plants
- Perspective Planning in the area of Raw Materials
- Development of new sources to meet the future requirement of Steel Plants.

(b) The formation of Raw Materials Division (RMD) has, inter-alia, yielded the following benefits:

- Growth in Iron Ore production
- Improved capacity utilization of Iron Ore Mines
- Meeting of demand of Iron Ore of Steel Plants without procurement from outside.
- Improvement in average Iron content in the fines supplies to BSL and Lumps to DSP, RSP & IISCO.
- Centralised maintenance facilities for Heavy Earth Moving Machinery established, thereby, reducing cash out go & delay in repairs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.