

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION UPGRADATION OF SAIL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for expansion and technological upgradation of SAIL;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the funds earmarked for the purpose;
- (c) whether SAIL has reduced their workforce;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to increase production and efficiency in SAIL?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): Government has not received any proposal for the expansion and technological upgradation of SAIL.

(c) to (e): In order to improve the overall competitiveness of the company, Government has directed SAIL to take steps to reduce its manpower as part of its Restructuring Plan. Further, company was also directed to take steps towards better fund management, debt reduction and cost cutting along with improving input materials, better product-mix, quality upgradation and improved equipment utilization for increasing production and efficiency.