

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2120  
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SHIFTING OF SALE CENTRE/DEPOT OF SAIL  
Singh Shri Ramsevak (Babuji)

**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the sale centre and depot of Steel Authority of India has been shifted from Gwalior to Indore;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to let this centre operate from Gwalior in view of the facts that this centre has been awarded prizes by the department for good functioning since its inception to 1998;
- (d) whether the entrepreneurs of the region are facing great hardship due to transfer of this sales centre and depot; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) SAIL continue to operate its stockyard (depot) at Gwalior to serve the customers of the area. However, with a view to economise the cost of operations, the Branch Sales Office (BSO), Gwalior was converted to Customer Contact Office (CCO), Gwalior in December '02 and the branch functions of Gwalior were merged with BSO, Indore. Thus the customers of the area are now being serviced by the Gwalior CCO and stockyard.
- (c) Presently, SAIL has no plans to discontinue the functioning of Gwalior CCO and stockyard.
- (d) & (e) No Sir, in view of (a), (b) & (c) above.