

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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IRON ORE MINES UNDER SAIL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Iron ore mines under the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) in various States;
- (b) the number of mines located at Kiribur and Meghatbur and how long those mines will last;
- (c) whether other Iron ore mines are being developed by SAIL to meet the requirement of public sector steel plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

- (a) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is operating nine iron ore mines in the states of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa.
- (b) At Kiriburu only one mine is located. The reserves in operating North block of Kiriburu mines is about 40 MT which would last for about 8-9 years. The adjacent South block is considered as replacement to North block.

At Meghahatuburu only one mine is located. The reserves in operating Meghataburu mine is about 22 MT which would last for about 4-5 years. The adjacent Central block is considered as replacement to Meghataburu mine.
- (c)&(d): SAIL had developed iron ore mines to meet the requirement of its steel plants at Bhilai, Durgapur, Rourkela, Bokaro and Burnpur. To meet the increasing requirement in future, SAIL proposes to develop new mines and expand some of the mines.

The details of the mines to be developed by SAIL, for which mining leases are with SAIL are as under:

1. South Block of Kiriburu
2. Central Block of Meghahatuburu
3. Taldih
4. Manoharpur (Chiria)

SAIL has initiated the process for obtaining mining leases of mines at Thakurani & Rowghat for developing these mines.