

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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DISTRIBUTION OF STEEL MADE BULLOCK CARTS

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to distribute bullock carts made of steel among villagers, particularly to the weaker sections;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria to be followed for distribution of bullock carts among villagers;
- (d) whether the Union Government has also launched several schemes through Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) to promote consumption of steel; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Institute of Steel Development and Growth (INSDAG), an institute engaged in promotion of steel use, has made the design and got fabricated nearly 600 steel bullock carts for distributions through the sponsoring steel companies.

(c): The criterion for the distribution of bullock carts is decided by the sponsoring companies themselves. However, weaker sections of the society are given priority in the distribution.

(d)&(e): To further promote awareness regarding use of steel, particularly in the rural sector and to boost steel demand in the country, a National Steel Campaign has been launched on 20th March, 2007 with participation of major steel producers such as Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL), JSW Ltd., Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. (JSPL), Essar Ltd., Ispat Ltd. and Ministry of Steel.