

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF IRON ORE
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has decided to take several measures to increase production of iron ore;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the SAIL has also decided to develop new mining blocks and also to augment loading facilities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which such steps are going to improve production of iron ore in SAIL plants?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has decided to increase production of existing iron ore mines by increasing their capacities. SAIL has accorded approval for raising the capacity of Kiriburu mine from 4.25 Million Tonne per annum (Mtpa) to 5.5 Mtpa; Meghahatuburu mine from 4.3 Mtpa to 6.5 Mtpa and Bolani mine from 4.8 Mtpa to 10 Mtpa. The capacity upgradation for Gua and Barsua Mines is also under consideration.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. SAIL proposes to develop new mines at Chiria, Rowghat, Taldih, South Block (Kiriburu), Central Block (Meghahatuburu) and Thakurani. For augmenting loading facilities at mines, M/s. RITES has been appointed as a consultant for preparing the feasibility/ detailed project reports at Gua, Kiriburu, Meghahatuburu and Bolani mines.

(e) SAIL is expected to meet the total requirement of iron ore for its integrated steel plants from captive sources after these capacity augmentation programmes are implemented.