

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1539
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2005
ESTABLISHMENT OF CEMENT FACTORIES BY SAIL
Singh Shri Ganesh

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Steel Authority of India has stopped its lime stone mining operations in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether SAIL is contemplating to set up any cement factory on its own or in joint-venture with some private companies near this mine; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Ispat Limestone Quarry located at Babupur in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh has stopped operation due to high cost of production of iron making limestone because of geology of the deposit.

(c)&(d): Steel Authority of India Limited(SAIL) has received a proposal from a private cement manufacturer to utilize blast furnace slag and limestone from Satna mine for cement making in Joint Venture. However no decision has yet been made in this regard.