

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF SALE DEPOTS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has instructed the State Governments companies to open sale depots in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of sale depots likely to be opened in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In the National Steel Policy 2005, a target has been kept for increasing the per capita steel consumption in rural areas from 2 Kg per capita per annum to 4 Kg per capita per annum by 2019-20 through active focus on opening of new rural sales outlets along with promotional efforts to increase demand. As on 31.1.2010, the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), the public sectors undertakings of the Ministry of Steel have appointed 1963 dealers and 80 dealers respectively.