

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REVIVAL OF CLOSED SICK STEEL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the present number of steel plants in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the target set for production of steel by the end of current Five Year Plan;
- (c) the number of steel plants in working condition and making profit;
- (d) whether certain steel plants have been closed and are in sick condition;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the efforts being made by the Government for their revival?

Answer

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

- (a) The State-wise distribution of Main and Major steel producer plants and small-to-medium scale steel plants is given in Annexure-I and II respectively.
- (b) Crude steel production capacity of the country is estimated to reach 124 million tonnes by the end of the current Five Year Plan.
- (c) The number of steel plants in working condition is given in Annexure-I and II.
- (d)to(f): Steel is a de-regulated sector; therefore, no steel unit is required to furnish such details to the Ministry of Steel. However, in a de-regulated, liberalized economy, decisions related to production are taken essentially by the steel producing units. The Government in such a market economy has the role of a facilitator only – it provides the overall policy environment to promote growth of industry. In order to promote the domestic steel industry, the Government has framed the National Steel Policy, 2005 and constituted an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG), under the chairmanship of Secretary (Steel) in 2007, to monitor and coordinate the issues concerning major steel investments in the country related to infrastructure, raw material supply, environmental clearance and other resource constraints.