

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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SETTING UP OF STEEL FACTORIES IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the foundation stones for setting up of steel factories in Vaishali, West Champaran and Gaya districts in Bihar were laid during 2008;
- (b) if so, the reasons for delay in setting up of these factories;
- (c) the present status thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the said factories are likely to be set up?

Answer

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

(a) The foundation stones for setting up of steel factories was laid at Bettiah (West Champaran) in the year 2007 and at Mahnar (Vaishali) and Gaya in the year 2008.

(b)to(d): The reasons for delay in setting up of factories, the present status and the time by which the said factories are likely to be started at the said three places are as under:

S.No.	Name of the Places	Reasons for delay	Present Status	Factories are likely to be started
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1. Bettiah, - delayed commencement - civil and structural work owing to inclement weather. Expected by West Champaran of construction work near completion. September, 2010
- delay in availability - equipment erection of power from Bihar are in progress.
State Electricity Board

2. Manhar, - project is under review - Soil investigation 18 months from Vaishali owing to high cost of land of the project fillings necessitated since land is low lying and prone to flooding.
- conversion of agriculture land to Industrial land awaited.

3. Gaya - conversion of agriculture land work completed. Stage-2 clearance to Industrial of the project. land awaited.