

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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INSTALLED CAPACITY OF STEEL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the installed capacity of the steel plants in the country, plant-wise;
- (b) whether the said plants have achieved their installed capacity during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) if so, the year-wise details thereof;
- (d) the strategy to increase the production of the steel plants and the efforts being made by the Government for the purpose; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to remove the problems being faced by the steel plants in storing and distribution of finished goods?

Answer

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

- (a) The present plant-wise steel production capacity of Main, Major and other Producers' Plants is given in Annexure-I.
 - (b)&(c): Plant-wise utilization figures of crude steel production by the Main, Major and other Producers' Plants and Induction Furnace Units for the last three years is given in Annexure-II.
 - (d) Steel is a de-regulated sector. In a de-regulated, liberalized economy, decisions related to production are taken essentially by the steel producing units depending upon various factors such as commercial merits, market trends, demand and supply etc. 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.
- Both the public sector steel producers namely Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) are operating their plants at nearly 100% of their installed capacities.
- (e) Storage and distribution of finished steel products are commercial activities of the companies producing or trading in steel. The Government has no direct role to play in it. The Government has been encouraging the steel producers to enlarge their distribution network through retail outlets to ensure that steel is easily available to the distantly located buyers/potential buyers.