

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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SHIFTING OF STEEL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of proposed steel projects of Jharkhand and Orissa are considering to shift to other parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of steel projects in the country which could not commence production in time due to various reasons, State-wise;
- (d) the schemes being formulated by the Government to overcome the problems being faced by the said steel projects; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): The information is being collected from the respective State Governments and will be laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

(d)&(e): Steel sector in the country is deregulated and Government does not exercise any control over production, sale and price of steel products. The role of Government is that of a facilitator for an overall and healthy growth of steel sector in the country. In order to monitor and coordinate various issues, including state related issues concerning major steel investments in the country, an Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) has been constituted in the Ministry of Steel, under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Steel). The group is represented by other Ministries/ Department of the Central Government such as Industrial Policy & Promotion, Railways, Shipping, Road Transport & Highways, Mines, Environment & Forests, as well as the Chief Secretaries of the concerned State Governments.

The main terms of reference (ToR) of the IMG are to review and coordinate measures for early completion of the major steel capacities and to address various problems concerning: for infrastructure, raw material, environmental clearance and land, water resources and rehabilitation.