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EXPANSION OF SAIL & RINL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the expansion programme of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL) are going on as per schedule;
- (b) if so, the total expenditure to be involved in the expansion of SAIL and RINL;
- (c) whether the Government has drawn up latest plans to ensure completion of expansion programme of SAIL and RINL without any cost escalation and in time; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is undertaking an ambitious expansion and modernization programme for enhancing its annual production capacity from the present level of around 14 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) to 23.46 million tonnes per annum in the first phase. The Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) is also in the midst of a capacity expansion and modernization programme for enhancing its annual liquid steel production capacity from the present level of 3.0 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) to 6.3 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). The expenditure involved in the first phase of modernization and expansion programme of SAIL is estimated to be in the region of Rs.70,000 crores including mine development, while in the case of RINL it is estimated at Rs. 14,500 crores including additional Power Plant, Converter and Caster.

While there have been some delays in implementing the various components of these programmes, it is the constant endeavour of these companies to make good the delays for ensuring adherence to timelines. The implementation of the expansion programmes are constantly reviewed by the Boards of the respective companies and the Ministry of Steel with a view to minimizing delays.