

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

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R & D PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

(a) whether various innovative research and development projects have been launched to increase productivity, efficiency and competition in the steel sector by the Government throughout the country; and

(b) if so, the name of States in which projects have been implemented so far alongwith the current status thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Ministry of Steel is pursuing the following two schemes for R&D in Iron and Steel Sector:

(i) Research and development with financial assistance from Steel Development Fund (SDF).

(ii) Research and development with Government Budgetary Support (GBS).

Under the scheme using SDF, 64 R&D projects have been approved, of which 31 have been completed. Research results of some of these completed projects, have been implemented in the steel plants in the states Jharkhand, Orissa, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Madhaya Pradesh which are yielding benefits to the steel industry in various areas including improvement in process & products, increase in productivity, energy efficiency etc.

The R&D scheme with Government Budgetary support has been recently launched. Therefore, question of implementation of research results does not arise at this stage.