

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4230  
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ALLOY STEEL PLANT  
Haque Shri Sk. Saidul

**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur, West Bengal a self-reliant plant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to allocate more funds for the expansion and modernisation of the said plant; 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) has already implemented several schemes at Alloy Steel Plant (ASP), Durgapur, West Bengal for installation of refining converter(argon oxygen decarburisation), replacement of electric arc furnace, procurement of 25 MVA transformer and oxygen plant on build-own-operate basis.

Further, SAIL is implementing a package for installation of one 60 tonne ladle furnace to enhance production capacity of stainless steel slabs at ASP.

For augmentation and modernization of facilities at ASP, Centre for Engineering & Technology, the in-house consultant of SAIL is working out the various options considering the market conditions. SAIL has invested about Rs.127 crores in ASP for augmentation / modernization of facilities during the last five years.