

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:226

ANSWERED ON:25.11.2010

REQUIREMENT OF IRON ORE

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any assessment was made in regard to the quantity of iron ore required for the steel sector taking into consideration the projects under execution;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has drawn any perspective plan in regard to the requirement, availability, demand and supply of steel/iron ore including expansion plans for the next 30 years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether steel companies have been urged to make optimum use of raw materials so as to effect operational efficiency; and
- (f) if so, the extent to which efforts have been made by the steel PSUs in this regard and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (F) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 226 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25/11/2010 TABLED BY SHRI NARAHARI MAHATO AND SHRI NRIPENDRA NATH ROY, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING "REQUIREMENT OF IRON ORE"

(a) & (b): National Steel Policy 2005 had aimed at steel production of 110 million tonnes per annum by Year 2019-20, for which iron ore requirement was projected to be about 190 million tonnes per annum. However, in view of various expansion projects planned by various steel companies, it is now expected that the capacity of steel production in the country and consequent iron ore requirement will be much higher than the projections made by National Steel Policy, 2005.

(c) & (d): As per the directional plan of SAIL, its steel capacity is planned to be expanded to about 61 million tonnes per annum by the year 2019-20. At the projected expanded capacity of 61 mtpa, iron ore requirement for 30 years is estimated to be around 3390 million tonnes, as against the iron ore resources presently available with SAIL of about 3380 million tonnes only. Besides, additional iron ore would be required for capacity expansion beyond 2019-20.

(e): Yes, Madam.

(f): Steel PSUs of Ministry of Steel, viz. SAIL and RINL have adopted technology like sintering for optimal utilization of iron ore.