

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1404  
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EXPANSION OF SSP  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government had any plan to further expand the Salem Steel Plant; and
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the present status of the expansion scheme thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): As part of the current phase of expansion programme of the Steel Authority of India Limited, modernisation and expansion programme of the Salem Steel Plant (which is a special steel plant of SAIL) has been implemented to enhance its saleable steel production capacity from 0.18 Million Tonne Per Annum (MTPA) to 0.35 Million Tonne Per Annum (MTPA) alongwith backward integration for production of crude steel. Installation of all major facilities of steel making & rolling have been completed by September 2010. Regular production will commence after the new facilities have stabilized.