

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GREENFIELD AND EXPANSION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Greenfield and Expansion Projects started in the country under the public and private sector so far; and
- (b) the number of projects for which the iron ore mines have been demanded for execution of projects and the number out of them have been given captive iron ore mines during the last three years, project-wise?

Answer

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

(a) Steel is a deregulated sector. The role of Government is that of a facilitator. As far as the setting up of steel investments are concerned, the size and type of steel capacity expansion projects are decided by the individual investors on techno-commercial considerations. Currently, a large number of major steel investment projects are at various stages of progress, both in Greenfield (new projects) and brownfield (capacity expansion of existing plants) areas. Based on the information furnished by the individual companies, the likely scenario of steel production capacity in India has been prepared in the Ministry of Steel (Annexure-I).

(b) The details of Public Sector Steel Units is as under: -

Steel Authority of India Ltd.(SAIL): - SAIL operates 9 captive iron ore mines to meet its requirement. These mines have been allocated to SAIL more than four decades ago. In order to meet increased iron ore requirement, capacity of existing mines is being expanded and new mines are proposed to be developed at Chiria and Rowghat subject to availability of forest & environmental clearance for Chiria. In view of depleting iron ore reserves at Dalli-Rajhara mines, which supply iron ore to Bhilai Steel plant, SAIL has been granted Mining Lease (ML) for Rowghat deposit in 2009 as an alternative source of iron ore for Bhilai Steel Plant.

Rashtriya Ispat Nigal Ltd.: - RINL has applied for 18 mining leases (ML) / prospecting leases(PL) in the state of Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. The company has not been allocated any mining lease.

NMDC Ltd.: - NMDC has applied to the Government of Chhattisgarh for grant of mining lease (ML) of deposit 4 at Bailadila, for its proposed steel plant in Chhattisgarh.

As per the information available in the Ministry of Steel in respect of private sector, the details of requirement of iron ore (as per Memorandum of Understanding) and iron ore mining leases approved and lease to be executed in respect of major steel companies and are enclosed at Annexure-II.