

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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STEEL PROJECTS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Steel projects running in the rural areas and tribal areas are facing lot of problems;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted in order to assess the working conditions of units during the last three years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon especially for resolving the problems of Andhra Pradesh based steel projects?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Steel is a deregulated sector. Accordingly, location of steel project is decided by the individual investors, in consultation with the respective State Governments, based entirely on the techno-commercial considerations. General problems faced by steel projects relate to smooth supply of raw material, security, law and order etc.

(c)&(d): Review of working conditions of steel plants is an ongoing process. Accordingly, four surveys were conducted at Visakhapatnam in respect of unit of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), a Public Sector Undertaking under administrative control of the Ministry of Steel, by external agencies. Necessary action for improvement wherever required has been initiated.