

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION BY SAIL

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

- (a) whether the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has a plan of expansion and modernisation to enhance its hot metal production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Steel Authority of India Ltd. has a plan of expansion abroad to set up steel plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith Memorandum of Understanding signed by SAIL so far?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA) (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(a)&(b): The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is implementing modernization and expansion plan at its five integrated steel plants at Bhilai, Bokaro, Rourkela, Durgapur and Burnpur and special steel plant at Salem to enhance its hot metal production capacity from 13.82 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) to 23.46 mtpa in the current phase. Besides capacity enhancement, the growth plan adequately addresses the need of SAIL Plants towards eliminating technological obsolescence, energy saving, enriching product mix, pollution control, developing mines and collieries to meet higher requirement of key inputs, introduce customer centric processes and have matching infrastructure facilities in the plant to support higher production volumes and to lower the cost of production.

(c) Yes, Madam. SAIL has intent to create additional capacity in existing locations apart from green field locations in India and abroad.

(d) Though few business proposals are under consideration but no proposal has been firmed up as of yet. However, an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by SAIL with M/s. Afripalm in South Africa for exploring the feasibility of setting up a steel plant.