

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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INSTALLATION OF POLLUTION CONTROL DEVICES IN STEEL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many steel plants in the country including those in the public sector do not have proper pollution control measures and pollution control devices have not been installed in the plants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any action is proposed to be taken by the Government to direct these Steel Plants to have efficient pollution control measures particularly in view of the fact that heavy pollution from these steel plants would hamper the health of the people living nearby the plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): According to the information available at Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), majority of the Integrated Iron & Steel Plants have installed Pollution Control Measures/devices. There is no major violation by the Integrated Iron & Steel Plants to the environment norms. However, one coke oven battery (No.3) of Tata Steel is exceeding the stack emission norms of particulate matter. CPCB has asked Tata Steel to submit the closure schedule of the battery at the earliest.

(c)&(d): One coke oven battery (No.3) of Tata Steel is exceeding the stack emission norms of particulate matter. It is an old battery and the matter was discussed by the Task Force for Iron & Steel Sector (set up by CPCB) during its meeting on July 08, 2009 and CPCB has asked Tata Steel to submit the closure schedule of the battery at the earliest.