

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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OUTSTANDING LOANS ON SAIL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the loans outstanding on Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has decreased during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total loans outstanding on SAIL at present;
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to reduce the same; and
- (e) the period by which it is likely to be paid?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The details of loans outstanding on the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), for the last three years and current year are as under:-

Period	Amount [Rs. in crore]
As on 31.03.2007	4180.52
As on 31.03.2008	3045.24
As on 31.03.2009	7538.79
As on 30.06.2009 (Provisional)	8796.87

(i) Loans during the year 2007-08 reduced by Rs.1135.28 crore.

(ii) During the year 2008-09 the loans have gone up by Rs.4493.55 crore as compared to 2007-08 due to temporary mismatches in cash flows and loans for capital expenditure.

(iii) The loans have also gone up during April - June'09 by Rs.1258.08 crore for meeting the capital expenditure requirements of the company.

(d) SAIL has been taking loans for financing the modernization and expansion of its steel plants. The loan burden is expected to go up during the implementation of these capital intensive projects.

(e) The loans outstanding as on 30.06.2009 have been taken for various periods. The loans outstanding as on 30.06.2009 will be repaid in full by the year 2042.