

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION AND EXPANSION OF STEEL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received external assistance for modernization and expansion of steel plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, plant-wise and countries from which it has been received; and
- (c) the progress made in the modernization and expansion of steel plants so far?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): No, Madam. Government has not received any external assistance for the present phase of modernization and expansion of steel plants in the country.

(c) The Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) is undertaking modernization and expansion plan for its five Integrated steel plants namely Bhilai Steel Plant (Chattisgarh), Bokaro Steel Limited (Jharkhand), Rourkela Steel Plant (Orissa), Durgapur Steel Plant and IISCO Steel Plant (West Bengal) and Salem Steel Plant (Tamil Nadu). SAIL's installed capacity of hot metal is expected to increase from 13.82 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) to 23.46 MTPA.

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) is expanding its liquid steel capacity from 3 MTPA to 6.3 MTPA. The expansion is expected to be completed by the year 2011.

NMDC Limited is setting up a 3 MTPA integrated steel plant at Nagarnar (Chattisgarh) which is likely to be commissioned by the end of September, 2013. Besides, merger of Sponge Iron India Limited (SIIL) with NMDC Ltd. is going to be completed soon and after completion of merger, NMDC Ltd. has planned for expansion of sponge iron production to 2.6 lakh tonnes per annum and also for manufacturing steel with a capacity of 0.3 MTPA at Paloncha in Andhra Pradesh.