

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4659  
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SETTING UP OF STEEL FACTORIES BY SAIL  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has decided to set up three factories in West Champaran, Vaishali and Gaya districts in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the land has been acquired for the said purpose and tenders have been invited for construction works of these factories;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the said works are likely to be completed and the factories will be made operational?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam, the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has proposed to set up three Steel Processing Units (SPU) at Bettiah in West Champaran, Mahnar in Vaishali and Gaya District in the state of Bihar.

(b)to(e): The land at Bettiah was acquired from the Bihar Industrial Development Authority. Since no government land of adequate size could be made available in Mahnar and Gaya, land was purchased through EO/open tender route. After acquisition of land, foundation stones have been laid in all these locations.

The SPU at West Champaran district (Bettiah) is scheduled to be completed by January 2010. For the SPUs at Vaishali (Mahnar) and Gaya, the time schedule would be firmed up after completion of the tendering process.