

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1221  
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CHIRIYA IRON ORE MINE  
Kora Shri Madhu

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

- (a) whether Chiriyā Iron-ore mines in Jharkhand are under the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL);
- (b) if so, whether SAIL has chalked out any modernisation scheme for the said mines;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the time by which decision is likely to be taken for modernisation of the said mines?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is in the process of developing Chiriyā iron ore mines as state-of-the-art mechanized mines with a run of mine capacity of 7 million tonnes per annum (mtpa). In this regard following development have taken place:

i) Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) is under advance stage of completion.

ii) Stage-I forest clearance for 595.075 hectares covering Ajitaburu, Budhaburu, Sukri-Latur and Dhobil leases and environment clearance for Budhaburu and Ajitaburu leases of Chiriyā mines have been granted by Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF), Government of India in March 2011.

iii) Mining Plans of Ajitaburu, Budhaburu, Dhobil and Sukri-Latur leases of Chiriyā have already been approved by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), Nagpur.

(d) Not applicable.