

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF VSP
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of expansion plans of Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP);
- (b) whether any time-frame has been fixed for expansion of the above plant; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Government has approved the expansion plans of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant enhancing its liquid steel capacity from 3.0 million tonnes to 6.3 million tonnes per annum.

(b)&(c): The expansion plans are proposed to be completed in two stages. In stage-I a new Blast Furnace, new Steel Melting Shop and a finishing mill along with associated units are to be commissioned by September, 2010. In Stage-II, additional two finishing mills expansion are scheduled to be completed progressively by December, 2011.