

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there has been a gradual increase in the demand of steel during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereon, State-wise;
- (c) whether there has been a fall in the production of steel at the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) plants;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there has been a delay in the expansion and modernisation plan of SAIL plants leading to cost overruns and fall in the production of steel in these plants; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to boost the production of steel in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. A statement showing state-wise dispatch of finished steel is annexed.

(c)&(d): SAIL's production performance of crude steel during the said period is as under:-

Trends in Production - SAIL (million tonnes or mt)

| SAIL | Years | | |
|------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 |

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|-------------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| Crude steel production | 13.51 | 13.76 | 13.35 |
| % change over last year | 0.75 | 1.86 | (-) 2.9 |

Lower production of crude steel during 2011-12 was mainly due to repairs of blast furnace/coke oven batteries at BSP, frequent power disruption at BSL.

(e)&(f): SAIL has undertaken modernization & expansion plan at its five integrated steel plants at Bhilai, Bokaro, Rourkela, Durgapur & Burnpur and special steel plant at Salem to enhance its crude steel production capacity from 12.8 Mtpa to 21.4 Mtpa in the current phase. Expansion of Salem Steel Plant has been completed in Sept.'10. For other plants, all major packages have been ordered and these packages are at various stages of execution.

In case of IISCO Steel Plant Expansion, difficult & unforeseen soil conditions, removal of underground boulders and hillocks etc., led to increase in civil & structural work substantially and also took extra time & cost.