

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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INVESTMENT IN CAPTIVE MINES
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited proposes to make huge investment to double the capacity of its captive iron ore mines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the biggest chunk of the proposed investment has been earmarked for its Rowghat mines in Chhattisgarh and Gua iron ore mines in Jharkhand;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has made provisions to deploy security personnel to tackle any possible security threat to these mines; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(d): To meet the enhanced iron ore requirement, the captive iron ore mines of SAIL are being expanded/modernized from existing capacity of 29.4 Mtpa to 40 Mtpa. A provision of Rs.10,264 crore has been made towards investment in existing mines under Raw Materials Division (RMD), SAIL & development of Rowghat Mine. This includes Rs. 3600 crore for Rowghat development requiring investment on initial establishments & infrastructure facilities. Further, Rs. 2878 crore has been kept for expansion, beneficiation and pelletisation plant for Gua Iron Ore Mines.

(e)&(f): CISF has been deployed for security of the Gua iron ore mine. The Government has also made provisions to deploy security personnel from BSF, CRPF and State Government forces for security of Rowghat project.