

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4616
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PURCHASE OF FERRO-ALLOY BY SAIL
Singh Shri Bholra

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) purchase its ferro-alloy centrally through Durgapur Steel Plant under an open tender price on quarterly basis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether most of the firms located in Bihar and Jharkhand are not allowed to participate in the tenders under the existing set of laid down criteria which have pushed them on the verge of the closure of their units;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) purchases Ferro-Alloys centrally through Durgapur Steel Plant on a quarterly basis through open tender. Depending upon market conditions, in some cases, price bids have been taken every 45 days.
- (c) to (e): The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) formulates its eligibility criteria from time to time keeping in view their quantum of requirement and prevailing market conditions. All firms fulfilling eligibility criteria irrespective of the geographical location, are considered. All eligible parties are allowed to participate in the tendering process.