

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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PLANTS OF SAIL

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is planning to invest more than Rs. 95,000 crore to expand and modernise its various plants across the country, State-wise including Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is a proposal to revive the Sindri Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India which is a subsidiary of SAIL;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the manner in which the Government plans to acquire the required land for the said unit; and
- (d) the future plans of the Government to support FCIL at Sindri?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)&(b): Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has undertaken modernization and expansion of its five integrated steel plants at Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), Bokaro (Jharkhand), Rourkela (Odisha), Durgapur (West Bengal) & Burnpur (West Bengal) and special steel plant at Salem (Tamil Nadu) to enhance its crude steel production capacity from 12.84 Mtpa to 21.4 Mtpa in the current phase. The indicative investment for current phase of modernization & expansion is Rs. 61,870 crore. Besides, a provision of Rs. 10,264 crore has been made towards investment in existing mines. This does not include revival of Sindri unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL). SAIL could not pursue the revival of Sindri plant due to non availability of minimum 3,247 acres of contiguous and encroachment free land.

(c)&(d): The Government, while exploring the feasibility of fast tracking the revival of Sindri unit, is considering the alternative route for revival by anchoring Sindri unit en-route the Jagdishpur-Haldia pipeline (JHPL) of GAIL for utilizing the gas and to leverage the existing infrastructure of Sindri unit.