

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF IRON PELLETTIZATION PLANT
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State-run SAIL plans to expand its operations in Jharkhand by investing nearly Rs. 3000 crore to set up a 4 Million Tonne Per Annum (MTPA) iron pelletisation plant at its captive Gua mines in Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame by which this plant is likely to become operational;
- (c) the extent to which the Gua mines is capable to meet the iron ore requirement of the SAIL; and
- (d) whether the slimes that are a bi-product of iron ore mining have been a major environmental and health hazard in the region and if so, the preventive measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a)to(c): Yes, Madam. Letter of Award (LoA) for the main package consisting of crushing plant, downhill conveyor; a beneficiation plant and pellet plant module has been awarded in April, 2014 and it is to be completed in 40 months. After expansion Gua mines is to produce total product of 10 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) which include 6 MTPA of Iron Ore lumps and fines and 4 MTPA of pellets.
- (d) The slime generated at SAIL mines is stored in the designated tailing ponds as per the terms and conditions of the environment clearance approval. Further, SAIL is planning to pump slime < Fe%-45 back in to the exhausted mine pit as reclamation of mine.