

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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REVIVAL OF SPONGE IRON PLANTS

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain sponge iron plants have been shut down in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, plant-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for revival of the said plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The details of sponge iron plants which have shut down/ closed in various parts of the country, as reported to Joint Plant Committee (JPC) are as below. No reasons for such closure were specified by the concerned plants.

Unit Name	State
N. R. Sponge Pvt. Ltd.	Chhattisgarh
Biswanath Ferro Alloys Ltd.	Jharkhand
Baba Akhila Sai Jyothy Industries (P) Ltd.	Karnataka
Trimurti Ispat Ltd.	Maharashtra
Gupta Metallics & Power Ltd.	Maharashtra
The Orissa Minerals Development Company Ltd.	Odisha
M/S Pawansut Sponge (P) Ltd.	Odisha
Aditya Sponge & Power Pvt. Ltd.	Odisha

(c)&(d): Steel is a deregulated sector and therefore the role of the Government is that of a facilitator only. Investment decisions are taken by individual investors based on commercial considerations.