

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2273
FOR ANSWER ON 02/12/2019**

STEEL PRODUCTION

2273. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans in encouraging "Steel plants" of Public Sector unit categories to improve its infrastructure and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any technical assistance has been initiated through overseas steel giants to develop country's PSU's and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the public sector units producing high graded steel compared with private players are provided immense financial provisions and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there was any extra effort taken to promote the supply side of the business, especially in protecting PSU's like Salem steel plant and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): Decision for improvement / development of infrastructure in Steel plants of Public Sector Unit categories are taken by the concerned Public Sector Undertakings depending on their financial position and market dynamics. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) had undertaken modernisation 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 the crude steel capacity from 12.8 Million tonne per annum (MTPA) to 21.4 MTPA.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) As part of the SAIL modernisation and expansion project, an investment of Rs.2371/- Crore was made in Salem Steel Plant to set up a new Steel Melt Shop and enhance the capacity of Cold Rolling Mill.
