

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.242
FOR ANSWER ON 05/02/2018

STEEL PRODUCTION AND EXPORT

242. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production capacity, actual production, consumption and export of both iron ore and finished steel of all steel plants in India during each of the last three years, plant-wise;
- (b) whether there is any shortfall in the supply of iron and steel in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to make steel industry more efficient and self-reliant;
- (d) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) are focussing on opening new markets maximise to sales and provide high standards of customer services; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) Data on the total production capacity, actual production, consumption and export of both iron ore and finished steel of all steel plants in India during each of the last three years, plant-wise is at **Annexure-I and Annexure-II** respectively.

(b)&(c): No, Madam. There is sufficient availability of iron ore to meet the domestic consumption in the country. For ensuring adequate supply of iron ore to the domestic steel industries, Government has taken following steps:-

- (i) Notified Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015, which provide auction mechanism for grant of Mining leases.
- (ii) Imposed export duty @30% on Iron Ore Lumps/Fines above 58% Fe content.
- (iii) Notified National Steel Policy 2017 with a view to encourage long term growth of domestic steel sector.

(d)&(e): Yes, Madam. Both SAIL and RINL have been focusing on market expansion, maximization of sales revenue and on the customer satisfaction front. With the expansion of SAIL's and RINL's product/grade mix from the existing and new Mills, both the companies have forayed into new markets segments in India and overseas viz. SAIL has forayed into Oil and Gas, Drum & Barrel market and construction segment on the domestic front and has also forayed into overseas markets such as Djibouti for Billets, Taiwan for Hot rolled Coils, Philippines for Wire Rod Coils and Billet, Thailand for Blooms, Bangladesh for Cold Rolled Coils and Japan for Wire Rod Coils and Singapore for TMT bars/coils. Similarly RINL, through its large network of Dealers and Retailers including e-retailers, is serving the requirements of urban, semi-urban and rural customers. In overseas segment, RINL has ventured into new export markets such as USA, Philippines and Sri Lanka.

Both SAIL and RINL have undertaken various initiatives towards customer satisfaction including booking orders as per the requirement of the customers.

Annexure –I**(Reply to point no. (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No.242 for answer on 05.02.2018)**

I. **IRON ORE** : Data on production and export of iron ore is shown in the table below year-wise for the last 3 years and April-Oct., 2017 :

Production, Import, Export of Iron Ore During Last Three Years (in million tonnes)				
Item	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17*	April-Oct., 2017*
Production	128.91	155.59	192.18	108.39
Consumption	113.48	122.10	131.38	141.37**
Export	7.30	5.32	30.49	12.59
Source-Import & Export: DGFT; Production: IBM, Nagpur; *prov. **for 2017-18 (projections for the year) (IBM/Annual Report of M/o Mines)				

Annexure –II

II. **FINISHED STEEL** :

(a) **Production, consumption and export of Finished Steel:**

Production and Export of Finished Steel During Last Three Years (in million tonnes)				
Finished Steel	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	April-Dec., 2017*
Production for sale	92.16	90.98	101.81	79.05
Consumption	76.99	81.52	84.04	64.87
Export	5.59	4.08	8.24	7.61
Source: JPC, Annual Report of M/o Steel 2016-17 *prov.				

(b) **Plant-wise production:**

PRODUCTION FOR SALE OF FINISHED STEEL					
(Non-Alloy & Alloy Steel) ('000 tonnes)					
P L A N T S		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Apr.-Dec., 17 *
A.	PUBLIC SECTOR				
	BHILAI STEEL PLANT	3321	3271	3134	2312
	DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT	573	503	534	444
	ROURKELA STEEL PLANT	2110	2168	2461	2123
	BOKARO STEEL PLANT	3207	2472	3204	2620
	IISCO STEEL PLANT	120	436	856	724
	ALLOY STEEL PLANT	11	16	11	7
	SALEM STEEL PLANT	359	390	412	181
	VISVESVARAYA I & S PLANT	26	46	29	15
	SAIL- CONVERSION AGENT	553	909	1006	588
	RASHTRIYA ISPAT NIGAM LTD.	2552	2766	3219	2796
SUB TOTAL (A) :		12832	12977	14866	11810
B.	PRIVATE SECTOR				
	TATA STEEL LTD	8967	9527	11115	9117
	ESL + JSWL + JSPL	25021	26023	31717	25071
	OTHERS	53862	54376	58213	40701
	Less Own Consumption	8525	11923	14105	7650
SUB TOTAL (B) :		79325	78003	86940	67239
TOTAL PRODUCTION FOR SALE(A+B)		92157	90980	101806	79049
Source: JPC * Apr.-Dec. (prov.)					
