

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3060
FOR ANSWER ON 06/08/2018**

SPONGE IRON PLANTS

3060. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sponge iron plants operational in public and private sectors in the country including Chhattisgarh at present;
- (b) the details of employment opportunities generated in these plants;
- (c) whether any provision has been made to provide jobs to the local people in the above said plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a) The number of private and public Sector sponge iron plants in the country including Chhattisgarh during 2017-18 is 312.
- (b) As per survey conducted by the Joint Plant Committee (JPC), total employment in the domestic sponge iron market stood at 1,15,927.
- (c)&(d): Specific decision on recruitment of employees in private steel sector is taken by individual steel companies/investors on the basis of their requirement. In the case of CPSUs, recruitment is based on Government guidelines.
