

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.34
FOR ANSWER ON 14/09/2020

GLOBAL COMPETITION IN STEEL INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the public sector steel companies are facing stiff competition from the global steel manufacturing companies and if so, the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to enable the steel companies to face the challenge;
- (b) whether the financial performance of the public sector steel companies has improved during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor including the details of the companies which have been able to earn profits and which have accrued losses during the said period; and
- (d) whether the operational costs and input costs for the steel companies have increased during the said period and if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government to reduce the operation costs?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Indian steel companies including the public sector steel companies have consistently enhanced their capacities, production and sales including exports over the years. Capacity for domestic crude steel production has been expanded from 109.85 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) in 2014-15 to 142.29 MTPA in 2019-20 while crude steel production has gone up from 88.98 MTPA in 2014-15 to 109.14 MTPA in 2019-20. India was a net exporter of steel in 2019-20 and during the period of April-August, 2020, steel exports from India have increased by more than 153% in comparison to the same period in 2019-20.

(b)to(d): There are two Public Sector Steel Companies i.e. Steel Authority of India Ltd.(SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd.(RINL). The details of the financial performance of SAIL and RINL over the last three years are as following:-

Year	Turnover (Gross)	Net Profit (+)/ Loss (-) after Tax (PAT) (Rs. Crore)
SAIL		
2017-18	58297	-482
2018-19	66267	2179
2019-20	61025	2022
RINL		
2017-18	16618.40	-1369.01
2018-19	20844.38	96.71
2019-20	15920.46	-3910.17

Steel CPSEs have been making continuous efforts towards reducing the operational costs through technology induction, enhanced productivity and streamlining procurement.
