

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5617**  
FOR ANSWER ON 02/04/2018

**SPONGE IRON PLANTS**

5617. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of functional sponge iron plants both in public and private sector in the country, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the details of the employment generation potential in the said plants;
- (c) whether there is any provision of jobs for the local populace in the 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 2016-17 is given at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) As per survey conducted by the Joint Plant Committee (JPC) in 2012-13, total employment in the domestic sponge iron market stood at 1,15,927 during the said year. State-wise details are shown in **Annexure-II**.

(c)&(d): Steel being a deregulated sector, the role of the Government is limited to that of a facilitator to provide a conducive policy environment for sustained growth and competitive development of the Industry. 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.

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## Annexure-I

## Region Wise Details of Indian Sponge Iron Industry, 2016-17

Capacity &amp; Production ('000 tonnes)

<b>Private Sector</b>			
<b>State</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>Annual Capacity</b>	<b>Production</b>
Jharkhand	64	3751	872
Odisha	85	14556	6321
West Bengal	41	3652	2410
<b>EASTERN Region Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>21959</b>	<b>9603</b>
Chhattisgarh	59	7812	6336
Goa	3	202	3849
Maharashtra	8	3422	1926
Gujarat	1	6700	3204
<b>WESTERN Region Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>18136</b>	<b>15314</b>
<b>NORTHERN Region Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Andhra Pradesh	7	771	428
Karnataka	32	3923	2705
Tamil Nadu	7	557	367
Telangana	12	601	339
<b>SOUTHERN Region Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>5852</b>	<b>3838</b>
<b>Total Private Sector</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>45947</b>	<b>28756</b>
<b>Public Sector</b>			
<b>State</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>Annual Capacity</b>	<b>Production</b>
Telangana	1	60	6
<b>Total Public Sector</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total : Public+Private</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>46007</b>	<b>28762</b>

Source: JPC

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## Annexure-II

## Employment in the Indian Sponge Iron Industry: 2012-13

<b>State</b>	<b>Employment No.</b>
Jharkhand	5675
Odisha	51962
West Bengal	15998
Chhattisgarh	20990
Goa	519
Gujarat	250
Maharashtra	5246
Andhra Pradesh	5015
Karnataka	9496
Tamil Nadu	776
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>115927</b>

Source: JPC Survey, 2012-13

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