

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*400
FOR ANSWER ON 03/05/2012

EFFICIENCY OF STEEL INDUSTRY

*400. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian steel industry is less efficient and there is a need for improvement;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken in this direction so far?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF THE
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03/05/2012 TABLED BY SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI, MEMBER OF
PARLIAMENT REGARDING EFFICIENCY OF STEEL INDUSTRY**

(a)to(c): Production of finished steel for sale in the country has been consistently higher than the real consumption of steel. As such, functioning of the Indian Steel Industry has been generally satisfactory. However, in some of the steel units which were installed decades ago, there is a need to adopt latest technologies for their upgradation/modernization so as to make them more efficient and viable. Recently, new techno-economic benchmarks on international pattern have been evolved for improvement in performance of steel public sector enterprises and its implementation is monitored on a regular basis. A roadmap for Research and Development for steel industry has been finalized and adopted with a special focus on beneficiation, coal ash reduction and promotion of production of high grade value added steel in the country. Steel making companies like SAIL and RINL both have launched massive expansion/ modernization programmes with a view to adopt modern technology which is energy efficient, cost effective and environment friendly. Similarly, majority of Indian Steel Industry in private sector has also shown keenness to adopt latest technologies to make existing steel manufacturing processes more efficient and productive.
