

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.611**  
FOR ANSWER ON 26/06/2019

**ACCIDENT IN BLAST FURNACE-3 OF RINL**

611. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there was an accident in Blast Furnace-3 of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) recently causing severe damage;
- (b) whether it is a fact that blast took place in view of officials wanted to produce 9200 million tonnes of steel in spite of knowing that its capacity is only 7200 million tonnes;
- (c) if so, action Government has taken against errant officials;
- (d) since when Blast Furnace-3 became operational and the amount of loss that RINL incurred due to this; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to prevent recurrence of such accidents?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) No, Sir. There, however, was an incident of blow pipe bursting on 18.01.2019 in Blast Furnace-3 in RINL. The burnt tuyere was replaced with available spares. There was no damage to the Blast Furnace.
- (b)&(c): No, Sir. The furnace has been operating with an average production rate of 7800 tonnes/day. After restoration, the furnace was operating at 7900 tonnes/day (7 days average) which is within the normal operating range.
- (d) The Furnace was put back into operation within 21 hours after the incident. Loss is notional.
- (e) RINL has taken a number of measures to prevent accidents in the plant. These measures, inter-alia, include adherence to maintenance schedule, thrust on systematic approach to safety management, strict adherence to safety procedures, regular inspection, mandatory training and special training on safety awareness, conduct of safety audit, enforcing use of personal protection equipment and proper implementation of emergency plan prepared as per the provisions of the Factories Act, 1948, etc. Further, based upon accident analysis, areas specific safety workshops involving all major steel producers have been organized to facilitate learning from good practices.

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