

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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PURCHASE OF INTERMEDIATE ROLLS AND WORK ROLLS BY BSL

4278. SHRI DULU MAHATO:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that huge quantity of Intermediate Rolls and Work Rolls have been purchased for HSM & CRM shops in BSL, which are still lying in stores and not being utilised;
- (b) whether new rolls being purchased on a daily basis despite this situation and its total cost is about Rs. 16 crore;
- (c) whether the concerned authorities have enquired into the reasons for this unnecessary and financially detrimental purchase;
- (d) whether the Government is taking immediate steps to check this financial wastage and ensures purchases as per requirements; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the procurement process and stock control system at BSL to prevent such unnecessary purchases in future?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA)
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(a)to(e): Steel sector is deregulated, where the government's role is primarily that of a facilitator. This allows steel companies to make independent decisions regarding their operations based on market dynamics and commercial considerations.

Rolls are normally procured in Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) through the Centralized Procurement Agency (CPA) on a three-year cycle, pursuant to duly approved Task Force recommendations based on annual production plan of the mills, consumption patterns and the requirement for maintaining circulation norms and safety stock.

Stocks are reviewed by SAIL's Internal and Government audits wherein stock position and consumption patterns of rolls are examined and appropriate action is taken by SAIL based on audit observations and recommendations.
