

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.189
FOR ANSWER ON 24/11/2014

DAMAGE BY HUDHUD CYCLONE

189. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:
SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN REDDY:
SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of the steel plants in Andhra Pradesh have been closed due to damage caused by the recent cyclone Hudhud;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated loss to the Government as a result thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to restore the operations in the closed plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The operations in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant was stopped due to Cyclone Hudhud on 12th October, 2014 on account of failure of power supply. The preliminary estimate of impact of physical damage of property, loss of production and consequential loss of profits is about Rs.350 crores. However, provisional claim for damages to property was lodged with the Insurance Company and the claim for loss of profits is being worked out.

(c)&(d): The matter was taken up with the Government of Andhra Pradesh for restoration of power supply to the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and the same was restored in the early hours of 16th October, 2014. The progress of the revival of units in plant is being closely monitored by the Ministry of Steel. All the units have been brought back into operation in a phased manner.
