

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3527**  
FOR ANSWER ON 21/12/2015

**SPONGE IRON PLANTS**

3527. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sponge iron plants established in public and private sectors in the country including Maharashtra at present, State-wise;
- (b) the number of opportunities for employment generated through the said plants, plant-wise;
- (c) whether there is any provision for reserving a certain percentage of jobs created thereby for the local people; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof particularly regarding the backward and tribal areas and the action taken thereon so far?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The number of sponge iron plants established in public and private sectors in the country including Maharashtra at present are given below:-

<b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>
1	Telangana	1
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>		
1	Jharkhand	64
2	Odisha	122
3	West Bengal	41
4	Chhattisgarh	57
5	Goa	3
6	Gujarat	2
7	Maharashtra	13
8	Andhra Pradesh	8
9	Karnataka	31
10	Kerala	2
11	Tamil Nadu	7
12	Telangana	15
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>366</b>

(b)to(d): Government does not maintain data regarding number of employees in respect of private sector units. In the public sector, one sponge iron plant is being operated by the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) at Paloncha, Khammam District, Telangana State, in which 194 employees are working. Employment opportunities as well as the reservation in employment in public sector units are provided as per the NMDC recruitment policy and Government of India guidelines.

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