

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.359
FOR ANSWER ON 18/12/2017

PERFORMANCE OF SAIL/RINL

359. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:
SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:
SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:
MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) are focusing on opening new market, to maximize sales and provide high standards of customer services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;
- (c) the total production capacity, actual production, consumption, import and export of both iron ore and finished steel of all steel plants in the country during each of the last three years, plant-wise;
- (d) whether there is any lack of supply of iron ore or raw material for the steel plants in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to make steel industry more efficient?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. Both SAIL and RINL have been focusing on market expansion, maximization of sales revenue and on the customer satisfaction front. With the expansion of SAIL's and RINL's product/grade mix from the existing and new Mills, both the companies have forayed into new markets segments in India and overseas viz. SAIL has forayed into Oil and Gas, Drum & Barrel market and construction segment on the domestic front and has also forayed into overseas markets such as Djibouti for Billets, Taiwan for Hot rolled Coils, Philippines for Wire Rod Coils and Billet, Thailand for Blooms, Bangladesh for Cold Rolled Coils and Japan for Wire Rod Coils and Singapore for TMT bars/coils. Similarly RINL, through its large network of Dealers and Retailers including e-retailers, is serving the requirements of urban, semi-urban and rural customers. In overseas segment, RINL has ventured into new export markets such as USA, Philippines and Sri Lanka.

Both SAIL and RINL have undertaken various initiatives towards customer satisfaction including booking orders as per the requirement of the customers.

(c) Data on the total production capacity, actual production, consumption, import and export of both iron ore and finished steel is at **Annexure-I and Annexure-II** respectively.

(d)&(e): No, Madam. There is sufficient availability of iron ore to meet the domestic consumption in the country. For ensuring adequate supply of iron ore to the domestic steel industries, Government has taken following steps:-

- (i) Notified Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015, which provide auction mechanism for grant of Mining leases.
- (ii) Imposed export duty @30% on Iron Ore Lumps/Fines above 58% Fe content.
- (iii) Notified National Steel Policy 2017 with a view to encourage long term growth of domestic steel sector.

Annexure –I

(Reply to point no. (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No.359 for answer on 18.12.2017)

I. **IRON ORE** : Data on production, import and export of iron ore is shown in the table below year-wise for the last 5 years and April-Sept., 2017 :

Production, Import, Export of Iron Ore During Last Five Years (in million tonnes)				
Item	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17*	April-Sept., 2017*
Production	128.91	155.59	192.18	93.75
Consumption	113.48	122.10	131.38	141.37**
Import	12.09	7.09	4.60	2.82
Export	7.30	5.32	30.49	11.39
Source-Import & Export: DGFT; Production: IBM, Nagpur; *prov. **for 2017-18 (projections for the year) (IBM/Annual Report of M/o Mines)				

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II. FINISHED STEEL :

(a) Production, consumption, import and export of Finished Steel:

Production, Import, Export of Iron Ore During Last Five Years (in million tonnes)				
Finished Steel	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	April-Oct., 2017*
Production for sale	92.16	90.98	101.81	61.26
Consumption	76.99	81.82	84.04	50.37
Import	9.32	11.71	7.23	4.92
Export	5.59	4.08	8.24	5.63

Source: JPC, Annual Report of M/o Steel 2016-17 *provsn.

(b) Plant-wise production:

PRODUCTION FOR SALE OF FINISHED STEEL					
(Non-Alloy & Alloy Steel) ('000 tonnes)					
P L A N T S		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Apr-Oct', 17 *
A.	PUBLIC SECTOR				
	BHILAI STEEL PLANT	3321	3271	3134	1814
	DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT	573	503	534	363
	ROURKELA STEEL PLANT	2110	2168	2461	1632
	BOKARO STEEL PLANT	3207	2472	3204	2054
	IISCO STEEL PLANT	120	436	856	584
	ALLOY STEEL PLANT	11	16	11	5
	SALEM STEEL PLANT	359	390	412	106
	VISVESVARAYA I & S PLANT	26	46	29	14
	SAIL- CONVERSION AGENT	553	909	1006	435
	RASHTRIYA ISPAT NIGAM LTD.	2552	2766	3219	2097
	SUB TOTAL (A) :	12832	12977	14866	9104
B.	PRIVATE SECTOR				
	TATA STEEL LTD	8967	9527	11115	7058
	ESSAR STEEL	5422	6314	7916	5553
	JSW STEEL	16809	17197	21161	12261
	JINDAL STEEL & POWER LTD	2790	2512	2640	1547
	OTHERS	53862	54376	58213	31642
	Less Own Consumption	8525	11923	14105	5903
	SUB TOTAL (B) :	79325	78003	86940	52158
	TOTAL PRODUCTION FOR SALE(A+B)	92157	90980	101806	61262

Source: JPC *prov. fig
