

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5424
FOR ANSWER ON 27/04/2015

PROMOTION OF STEEL SECTOR

5424. SHRI B.S. YEDIYURAPPA:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated a national action plan for the steel sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including its main objectives;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to invite multinational investment in steel sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether some units of Steel Authority of India Limited are incurring heavy losses despite continuous assistance of the Government and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for revival of these units and expansion plan of the other existing units in the coming year?

ANSWER

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

- (a)&(b): No, Madam. However, the Ministry of Steel is at the final stages of drafting National Steel Policy 2015 for the steel sector.
- (c) Steel is a de-regulated sector. The Government has already liberalized the policy towards foreign direct investment (FDI) in steel sector allowing 100% FDI through the automatic route. Decision on investments by foreign companies is based on commercial and financial merit of each specific project. No data is therefore, maintained on the proposed investments.
- (d) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is a profit making organization and is not getting any financial assistance from the Government.
- (e) SAIL has undertaken modernization and expansion of its five integrated steel plants at Bhilai, Bokaro, Rourkela, Durgapur & Burnpur and special steel plant at Salem to enhance its crude steel production capacity from 12.8 Mtpa to 21.4 Mtpa in the current phase.
