

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.59
FOR ANSWER ON 17/07/2017

SPONGE IRON PLANTS

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of public and private sector sponge iron plants in the country at present, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the details of the possibilities of the employment generation in these plants;
- (c) whether there is a provision to provide jobs to the local people in these plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a) The number of private and public Sector sponge iron plants in the country including Chhattisgarh during 2015-16 is given at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) As per survey conducted by the Joint Plant Committee (JPC) in 2012-13, total employment in the domestic sponge iron market stood at 1,15,927 during the said year. State-wise details are shown in **Annexure-II**.
- (c)&(d): Steel being a deregulated sector, the role of the Government is limited to that of a facilitator to provide a conducive policy environment for sustained growth and competitive development of the Industry. Specific decision on recruitment of employees in private steel sector is taken by individual steel companies/investors on the basis of their requirement. In the case of CPSUs, recruitment is based on Government guidelines.

Annexure – I

State-Wise Details of Indian Sponge Iron Industry,* 2015-16

State	No. of Units
Private Sector	
Jharkhand	64
Odisha	83
West Bengal	41
Chhattisgarh	50
Goa	3
Gujarat	1
Maharashtra	8
Andhra Pradesh	7
Karnataka	31
Tamil Nadu	7
Telengana	12
Total Private Sector	307
Public Sector	
Telengana	1
Total Public Sector	1
Total: Public + Private	308

Source : JPC,* provisional

Annexure – II

Employment in the Indian Sponge Iron Industry : 2012-13

State	Employment (No.)
Jharkhand	5675
Odisha	51962
West Bengal	15998
Chhattisgarh	20990
Goa	519
Gujarat	250
Maharashtra	5246
Andhra Pradesh	5015
Karnataka	9496
Tamil Nadu	776
Grand Total	115927

Source : JPC Survey, 2012-13
