

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.998
FOR ANSWER ON 26/07/2021

SPONGE IRON PLANTS

998. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sponge iron plants currently functional in public and private sectors in the country, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the details of the employment prospects created in these plants;
- (c) whether any provision has been made to provide job opportunities to the local people in these plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof particularly with regard to Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH)

- (a) The number of sponge iron plants functional in the country including Chhattisgarh during FY 2020-21 is as following:-

Region Wise Details of Indian Sponge Iron Industry, 2020-21

State	No of Units
JHARKHAND	24
ODISHA	76
WEST BENGAL	36
EASTERN Region Total	136
CHHATTISGARH	69
GOA	3
GUJARAT	10
MAHARASHTRA	7
WESTERN Region Total	89
UTTAR PRADESH	4
NORTHERN Region Total	4
ANDHRA PRADESH	6
KARNATAKA	35
TAMIL NADU	6
TELANGANA	9
SOUTHERN Region Total	56
Total	285
Source: JPC	

- (b) As per Survey conducted by the Joint Plant Committee (JPC), total employment in the domestic sponge iron market stood at 84,632 during 2019-20.

(c)&(d): The 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 CPSEs, recruitment is based on Government Guidelines.
