

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*368
FOR ANSWER ON 06/09/2012

PROBLEMS OF SAIL STEEL PLANT, BURNPUR

*368. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that SAIL Steel Plant, Burnpur is facing problems to start the new plant;
- (b) the details of the problems;
- (c) the steps Ministry has initiated to run the new modern plant;
- (d) whether there is any demand of local villagers for jobs; and
- (e) if so, the policy SAIL has framed to recruit new workers from land losers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *368 FOR ANSWER ON 06/09/2012 TABLED BY SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING PROBLEMS OF SAIL STEEL PLANT, BURNPUR.

(a)to(c): No, Sir. The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is putting all its efforts to complete the expansion and modernization programme at IISCO Steel Plant (ISP), Burnpur. Some of the major facilities like Raw Material Handling Plant, Coal Handling Plant, Oxygen Plant, Sinter Plant and Blast Furnace have already been completed. The heating of the Coke Oven Battery has also started on 30.05.2012. In the past, some problems were encountered on account of unforeseen soil conditions, consequent increase in civil and structural work and disruption of work emanating from re-location of village deity to alternate site which was finally resolved on 21.06.2012. The progress of expansion and modernization programme of SAIL is monitored and reviewed in the Ministry at regular intervals with a view to settling issues that may impede commissioning.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) SAIL has a well laid-down recruitment policy which is in line with guidelines issued by the Department of Public Enterprises from time to time and in conformity with the Presidential Directives and various judicial pronouncements. This is applicable to all the Plants/Units of SAIL including ISP.

As per the present policy, posts which are required to be filled up in various categories are notified in the local employment exchange and published in the national and local newspapers specifying the eligibility criteria and selection procedure. The land losers / affected persons are eligible for consideration along with others, subject to their meeting the required specifications and qualifying as per the selection procedure.

In case of ISP, some of the affected persons moved the Hon'ble High Court in different writ petitions from time to time praying for its intervention in the land acquisition process and demanded higher compensation and employment. The matter is presently sub-judice.
