GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1217 FOR ANSWER ON 03/12/2014

LOSS TO VIZAG STEEL PLANT DUE TO HUDHUD CYCLONE

1217. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vizag steel plant has incurred losses worth ₹ 1000 crores by cyclone Hudhud and it is suffering a loss of ₹ 40 crores daily as a result of shutting down of the plant;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to bail out the said steel plant from losses and open the steel plant at the earliest and whether any special financial package has been given to it;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the said steel plant has also incurred losses of life and property as a result of cyclone Hudhud; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b)&(c): The matter was taken up with the Government of Andhra Pradesh for restoration of power supply to the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and the same was restored in the early hours of 16th October, 2014. The progress of the revival of units in plant is being closely monitored by the Ministry of Steel. All units have been brought back into operation in a phased manner.

(d)&(e): There was no loss of life in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant due to Hudhud Cyclone. However, some damages to physical property like super structure, electrical installations and minor damages to equipments resulted in stoppage of operations.
