

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL
RAJYA SABHA
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FOR ANSWER ON 13/02/2019

STEEL INDUSTRY RUNNING BELOW POTENTIAL UTILISATION

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that steel industry is running below its potential utilisation in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is reduction in the production capacity of steel PSUs;
- (d) if so, the State-wise details of steel produced by PSUs in last three years; and
- (e) the steps taken for increasing production efficiency of steel in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)&(b): India's production has been increasing over the years and the imports have stabilized over the past few years. It may be noted that crude steel capacity utilization in India is still better than global average as shown below:-

Year =>	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
World Capacity Utilization	70.7	72.1	69.5	71.4	74.4
India Capacity Utilization	78.1	80.8	78.3	78.4	81.2

Source: OECD

(c)&(d): No, Sir. Production capacity of Steel PSU's {(Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) & Rashtriya Isapat Nigam Limited (RINL)} of the last three year is given below. However, the state-wise details of crude steel produced by PSU's in last three years' is in **Annexure-I**.

Year	India: PSU Crude steel Capacity (mt)		
	SAIL	RINL	Total PSU (SAIL+RINL)
2015-16	17519	6300	23819
2016-17	17519	6300	23819
2017-18	17519	6300	23819

Source: JPC

(e) The Government is taking following steps for increasing production efficiency of steel in the country:-

- Creation of steel industry clusters in the 14 identified Coastal Economic Zones (CEZ) along the route of Sagarmala project is being explored.
- The capacity augmentation in logistics infrastructure through rail, slurry pipelines & ports is also being simultaneously worked out.
- Government is promoting Iron and steel sector through various R & D initiatives in the field of development of technology for Cold Rolled Grain Oriented (CRGO) electrical steel and high grade automotive steel.

Annexure-I

State wise details of Crude Steel produced by PSUs in FY 2015-16, FY 2016-17 & FY 2017-18

State	Unit	Capacity ('000t)	Production('000t)		
			FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
Chhattisgarh	Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP)	3925	5058	4737	4072
Jharkhand	Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL)	4360	3392	3154	3694
Karnataka	Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant (VISL)	118	42	39	0
Odisha	Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP)	4400	2730	2932	3220
Tamil Nadu	Salem Steel Plant (SSP)	180	120	108	97
West Bengal	Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP)	1802	1975	2042	2042
	IISCO Steel Plant (ISP)	2500	871	1394	1801
	Alloy Steels Plant (ASP)	234	91	88	96
TOTAL: SAIL		17519	14279	14494	15022
Andhra Pradesh	RINL	6300	3641	3962	4731
TOTAL Public Sector		23819	17920	18456	19753