

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2761**  
FOR ANSWER ON 10/08/2016

**CAPTIVE IRON ORE AND COAL MINES FOR VSP**

2761. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) has applied or sought 'captive iron ore and coal mines' for its profitable operations;
- (b) what is the status of such applications of captive iron ore and captive coal mines;
- (c) what are the reasons for not allotting captive iron ore mines for VSP;
- (d) what are the other steps required to fully use the plant machinery and huge land mass available with Visakhapatnam Steel Plant; and
- (e) its present production and total steel produced in 2015-16?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)to(c): Prior to amendment to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act), Visakhapatnam Steel Plant(VSP) had filed 29 applications for allotment of iron ore mines in various States out of which Letter of Intent (LOI) has been given by Government of Rajasthan for one Iron Ore Block in Banera Tehsil, Bhilwara District of Rajasthan. The rest of the applications became ineligible subsequent to the enactment of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015.

Applications made subsequent to the amendment Act of 2015, are regulated as per the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended by the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015, wherefrom the State Governments have been empowered to grant mining leases through the method of auction under section 10A or through the reservation route under section 17A (2A) of the Act. Therefore, allocations of new mining lease are to be regulated as per the provisions laid down in the amendment Act.

(d) RINL-VSP has completed its capacity expansion from 3.0 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of liquid steel to 6.3 mtpa. Resources available with RINL are required for planned modernization and capacity expansions of the plant.

(e) Production of saleable steel in the first quarter of 2016-17 was 0.85 million tonnes. The production of Saleable Steel in 2015-16 was 3.51 million tonnes.

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