

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2898
FOR ANSWER ON 06/09/2012

NATIONALIZATION OF STEEL PLANTS

2898. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) how many private companies have got permission to install steel plants, in the last five years, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) how many companies have started production, the details thereof;
- (c) how many companies Government is going to overtake, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (d) the financial position of these companies; and
- (e) what steps Government takes before overtaking such units?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)&(b): Steel is a de-regulated sector. As such no permission is required from the Ministry of Steel for installation of private steel plants in the country. Main private sector steel companies include TATA Steel, Essar Steel, Jindal Steel & Power, JSW Steel, Bhushan Power & Steel, Bhushan Steel etc. There are several medium and small steel units in the country including mini blast furnace, sponge iron units, induction furnace units and rolling mills. Total number of such units is approximately 3647, as per the last survey conducted by Joint Plants Committee in 2009-10. During 2011-12 production of crude steel from all steel plants including private steel plants has been 73.79* million tonne (*Provisional as per JPC).

(c) There is no proposal to take over any private sector steel plants by the Central Government.

(d)&(e): Do not arise.
