

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4774
FOR ANSWER ON 09/05/2013

SETTING UP OF SPONGE IRON PLANTS

4774. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sponge Iron plants set up in public and private sectors in Uttar Pradesh alongwith other States as on date;
- (b) the total number of employment Avenues generated by these plants separately;
- (c) whether any provision has been made to provide certain percentage of these jobs to the local people;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken in this regard till now?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a) As per information available in the Ministry of Steel, there are about 402 number of Sponge Iron Plants set up across the country. {Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC) for the year 2011-12}. Apart from Sponge Iron India Limited (SIIL), (now a part of NMDC Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of Ministry of Steel) the entire domestic sponge iron industry is in the private sector. Uttar Pradesh does not have any sponge iron unit.

(b) As per the survey on the Indian sponge iron industry conducted by JPC in 2005-06, total employment in the coal-based sponge iron industry was 40715.

(c)to(e): Steel is a de-regulated sector. As such Ministry of Steel does not have any control on employment policy of the private sponge iron units.
