

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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FOR ANSWER ON 29/04/2015

LOW LABOUR-OUTPUT RATIO IN STEEL PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that labour-output ratio in the steel production as compared to other countries is very low in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any specific study has been conducted in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of the number of personnel working in the public sector steel production unit in the State of West Bengal and the total output produced in the State?

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b): Labour productivity in steel plants vary widely depending upon their configuration, age, technology, product mix & level of automation. The labour productivity of the Indian steel companies vary in the range of 300-1800 Tonnes of Crude Steel (TCS) per man per year, as compared to the estimated labour productivity of around 330-2200 TCS/ man/ year in steel companies abroad.

(c)&(d): No specific study has been conducted by Ministry of Steel on labour productivity. However, Department of Public Enterprises has carried out a benchmarking study for select CPSEs in the Iron & Steel Sector viz. SAIL & RINL which inter-alia also covered labour productivity.

(e) As per the information submitted by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), as on 1/4/2015, there are 21924 personnel working in the production units of SAIL situated in the state of West Bengal. The total crude steel output of the units of SAIL in the state of West Bengal in the year 2014-15 was 2.31 MT.
