

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3072
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VIZAG STEEL PLANT
RAGHURAJ SINGH SHAKYA

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to expand the Vizag Steel Plant to make it viable;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken to bring down the interest burden of the company on Government loan ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI DILIP RAY)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL), Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) had submitted a comprehensive turn around proposal for its revival which inter-alia included waiver of losses. The Disinvestment Commission has recommended writing off of the entire accumulated losses of the company as on 31.3.1999, alongwith disinvestment of not less than 51% of its remaining equity in RINL to a strategic buyer. No final decision has yet been taken on these recommendations.