

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF CAPACITY OF PUBLIC SECTOR STEEL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the steel capacity is proposed to be expanded both in the public and private sectors;
- (b) if so, whether any plan has been formulated for expansion of the Steel capacity in the public sector steel plants;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the estimated expenditure incurred thereon;
- (d) the time by when it is likely to be implemented;
- (e) the existing capacity of each plant; and
- (f) the extent to which it is being utilised during the last two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) At present, Government have no plans for expansion of capacity of public sector steel plants. There is no restriction on expansion of capacity by private and public sector steel plants barring certain locational restrictions. Entrepreneurs are free to expand their steel capacity on the basis of commercial decisions.

(b)to(d): Do not arise.

(e)&(f): The existing saleable steel capacity and its utilisation in public sector steel plants during the last two years are given below:

Steel Plant Existing Capacity % capacity utilization
(`000 tonnes) 2001-02 2002-03

Bhilai Steel Plant	3153	107	115
Durgapur Steel Plant	1586	96	100
Rourkela Steel Plant	1671	81	91
Bokaro Steel Plant	3780	85	89
Alloy Steel Plant	184	46	54
Salem Steel Plant	175	36	47
Viswesraya Iron & Steel Plant	77	113	109
IISCO, Burnpur	#	102	82
Visakhapatnam Steel Plant	2656	104	115

#Capacity of IISCO during 2001-02 and 2002-03 was 297,000 tonnes and 351,000 tonnes respectively.