

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:373
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2000
SALEM STEEL PLANT
P.D. ELANGO VAN

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any representation from the Public representatives or from the Government of Tamil Nadu to reconsider the decision to privatise the Salem Steel Plant, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) whether there is any possibility to develop Integrated Steel Plant at Salem;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interest of the employees of the said plant ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. These representations have conveyed the concern of employees and people and, inter-alia, suggested that SAIL should abandon the move to privatise Salem Steel Plant (SSP) and Government should provide financial reliefs and make investments to turn it into a profitable unit.
- (c) Government has noted the concern expressed in the representations.
- (d) & (e): Govt. has no such plan at present.
- (f) While approving the restructuring proposal of SAIL, Govt. has stipulated that jobs of existing employees would be protected.