

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION IN STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA  
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited has prepared any plan to increase the production in coming years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any emphasis is being laid by SAIL to produce better quality items and at the less cost and;
- (d) if so, the details of programme drawn up by SAIL in this regard ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHIR BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) & (b): Details of the production plan for saleable steel formulated by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) for the next four years are given below:

Year	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Saleable Steel in (MT)	10.21	10.26	10.60	10.75

(c) & (d): The modernization of three SAIL plants together with regular monitoring of cost reduction at its plants is designed to enable SAIL to improve the quality of its products and profitability of its operations.

The thrust areas, inter-alia, in this regard are:

- Maximising production through continuous casting.
- Utilisation of secondary refining facilities.
- Reduction in specific consumption of raw materials.
- Reduction in power and fuel expenses.
- Reduction in consumption of stores & spares consumption.
- Improving yields and efficiency of various processes.