

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:355
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2006
RESEARCH PROJECTS IN STEEL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of research projects in iron and steel sector that have been approved by the Union Government so far;
- (b) the number of research projects completed so far;
- (c) whether the result of these research projects have yielded any significant benefits;
- (d) if so, the extent to which the performance of steel plants has enhanced as a result thereof;
- (e) whether there is a demand to raise the Steel Development Fund; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILISERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a)to(f): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO355 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21/08/2006 TABLED BY SHRI NAVJOT SINGH SIDHU, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING RESEARCH PROJECTS IN STEEL SECTOR.

(a) An Empowered Committee constituted by the Ministry of Steel for sanctioning and monitoring research projects in iron and steel sector has approved 44 projects.

(b) So far 21 projects have been completed.

(c)&(d): Completed projects are yielding benefits in areas of iron & steel making processes, up-gradation of raw materials, products development, increase in productivity, reduction in refractory consumption during steel making, reduction in energy consumption in Electric Arc Furnace/Induction Furnace route, utilization of waste materials etc.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.