

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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PROFIT OF SAIL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has drawn up a programme for increasing its profit;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the target set for the next three years; and
- (c) the efforts made so far to achieve the target?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a)&(b): Yes Sir. In the resurgent Indian Steel Market, SAIL has drawn up a Corporate Plan - 2012, which envisages enhancing output and competitiveness for maintaining its leadership in the Indian Steel Market.

The Corporate Plan envisages a growth in production to 22.5 million tones of Hot Metal (from the current level of 14.6 million tones) at an investment of about Rs. 37000 crores. To bring down the costs of production, various technological interventions like augmenting concast route, 100% Basic Oxygen Furnaces, introduction of auxiliary fuels usage and oxygen enrichment are planned to be introduced. Also, extensive plans have been made to improve quality of products across the value chain and to make value added steel. These steps are likely to further enhance the financial performance and profitability of the company.

Production of Hot Metal, envisaged in the Corporate Plan for the next three years i.e., 2007 - 08, 2008 - 09 and 2009 - 10 is as under:

Hot Metal Production

Year Quantity (MT)

2007 - 08 16.5
2008 - 09 17.2
2009 - 10 17.4

(c) The company has laid thrust on capital investments in order to achieve its new target of producing 22.5 million tones of hot metal. Projects of over Rs.17000 crores are at various stages of process and implementation in the company.