

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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STEEL PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken a number of important decisions in recently held Ispat dealers meet programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to open Ispat processing industries in various States of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the Ispat processing industries are likely to be set up in Jharkhand?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): During the recently held SAIL dealer's meet, the following actions have been planned :-

(i) SAIL has already adopted 6 model steel villages in the states of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal and Orissa. In addition, a decision has also been taken to adopt 5 model steel villages in the state of Bihar.

(ii) Launching of suitable publicity campaigns for greater visibility and to improve brand image of SAIL's products.

(iii) In order to effectively service the retail market requirements, marketing of TMT and GP/GC sheets on sectional weight basis and supplying GP/GC sheets in smaller bundles.

(c)&(d): There is no proposal from the Government to set up Ispat Processing Industries in the country. However, SAIL is exploring the possibility of setting up of steel processing units in some other states.

(e) SAIL has already a Joint Venture Steel Processing Unit in Bokaro, Jharkhand.