

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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SPONGE IRON PLANTS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sponge iron plants of the public sector set up in the country as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the number of employment opportunities created as a result thereof;
- (c) whether any provision has been made to provide certain percentage of jobs to the local people;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken in this regard so far?

Answer

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

- (a) As on date there is only one sponge iron plant in the public sector- M/s Sponge Iron (India) Limited (SIL), a Govt. of India Undertaking at Paloncha, Khammam District in Andhra Pradesh.
- (b) At present there are 306 employees in SIL.
- (c)to(e): For recruitment of worker and supervisors, preference is given to only local people, whereas the officers are recruited on an All India basis. At present more than 95% employees in SIL are local.