

**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 private and public sector sponge iron plants operating in the country at present, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of employment opportunities created in these plants;
- (c) whether any provision has been made for providing certain percentage of jobs to the local people in the said plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken so far in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI CHAUDHARY BIRENDER SINGH)

- (a) The number of private and public sector sponge iron plants in the country during 2015-16 is given at Annexure – 1.
- (b) As per a survey conducted by the Joint Plant Committee (JPC) in 2012-13, total employment in the domestic sponge iron market stood at 1,15,927 during the said year. State-wise details are shown in Annexure -2.
- (c)&(d): Steel being a deregulated sector, the role of Government is limited to that of a facilitator to provide a conducive policy environment for sustained growth and competitive development of the industry. Specific decisions on recruitment of employees in private steel sector are taken by individual steel companies/investors on the basis of their requirement. In the case of CPSUs, recruitment is based on Government guidelines.

Annexure – 1

State Wise Details of Indian Sponge Iron Industry, 2015-16*

State No. of Units
Private Sector
Jharkhand 64
Odisha 83
West Bengal 41
Chhattisgarh 50
Goa 3
Gujarat 1
Maharashtra 8
Andhra Pradesh 7
Karnataka 31
Tamil Nadu 7
Telengana 12
Total Private Sector 307
Public Sector
Telengana 1
Total Public Sector 1
Total: Public + Private 308
Source: JPC, * provisional

Annexure – 2

Employment in the Indian Sponge Iron Industry : 2012-13
State Employment (No.)
Jharkhand 5675
Odisha 51962
West Bengal 15998
Chhattisgarh 20990
Goa 519

Gujarat 250
Maharashtra 5246
Andhra Pradesh 5015
Karnataka 9496
Tamil Nadu 776
Grand Total 115927

Source: JPC Survey, 2012-13
