

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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*Thursday, March 16, 1972 (Phalgun 26, 1893  
(Saka)*

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

### MEMBERS SWORN

1. Shri Vasant Rao Purushottam Sathe (Akola)
2. Shri Raghunandan Lal Bhatia (Amritsar)

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**Loss of Production in Durgapur, Rourkela and Bhilai Steel Plants due to Mechanical Breakdowns**

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\*42. SHRI N. K. SANGHI :  
SHRI RAJDEO SINGH :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the total loss suffered in production by Durgapur, Rourkela and Bhilai Steel Plants during the last three years, year-wise, separately in each due to Mechanical breakdown ; and

(b) the steps Government have taken to ensure that such avoidable losses due to breakdown are kept to the bare minimum ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA MANGALAM) : (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

### Statement

(a) The required information as furnished by Hindustan Steel Limited is given in the Annexure.

(b) Proper maintenance of Plant and equipment is one of the essential functions of the management. The authorities of Hindustan Steel Limited have taken and are taking a number of steps to clear the backlog of maintenance and repairs to ensure preventive maintenance according to prescribed schedule and to arrange for advance planning for spares to facilitate timely replacement of worn out parts. Government also renders to the plants all the assistance required in this regard.

### Annexure

*Statement showing the loss of production in various Departments of the Steel Plants under Hindustan Steel Limited during the years 1968-69, 1969-70 and 1970-71 on account of mechanical breakdowns*

#### Bhilai Steel Plant :

Departments	Loss of production (in tonnes)			
	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	
	1	2	3	4
1. Blast Furnace	6,650	3,720	1,110	
2. Blooming Mill	48,370	37,605	48,850	
3. Rail and Structural Mill	15,810	14,290	21,040	
4. Merchant Mill	17,550	10,470	7,060	
5. Wire Rod Mill	12,460	7,840	12,960	

#### Durgapur Steel Plant :

1. Blast Furnace	30,839	43,666	38,140	
2. Steel Melting Shop	28,095	21,918	18,519	
3. Blooming Mill	1,47,464	1,93,230	91,574	
4. Section Mill	7,538	7,993	5,359	
5. Merchant Mill	8,783	17,199	16,821	