GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF STEEL

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1081 FOR ANSWER ON 26/07/2021

STAFF QUARTERS OF BHILAI STEEL PLANT

1081. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE: SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the staff quarters are in excess of the number of employees working in Bhilai Steel Plant of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and if so, the reasons therefor and the manner in which the Plant is utilizing them;
- (b) whether many people are residing in these quarters in an unauthorised manner or on rent and if so, whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard;
- (c) if so, whether the officers are also involved in such irregularities and if so, the action taken/being taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to evict/ sale out or to lease out the land / utilize the land for commercial purpose/ quarters lying vacant to reduce the loss incurred by the Plant and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the quarters of the said Plant which were declared dangerous some time back are likely to be demolished?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH)

- (a) Staff quarters in Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) were constructed in keeping with the then requirement. The quarters subsequently rendered surplus have been utilized by SAIL on lease/licence basis in accordance with their relevant scheme / policy to employees/ex-employees.
- (b)to(d): BSP has got 83 quarters out of 465 quarters vacated from unauthorized occupants from 1.04.2019 to 30.06.2021. The cases of unauthorized occupation are inquired into by the Estate Officer of SAIL as per the provisions under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971 for eviction. SAIL has no proposal to sale out or to lease out the land / utilize the land/quarters lying vacant for commercial purpose.
- (e) Out of 3797 quarters identified to be uninhabitable / unfit by Bhilai Steel Plant for demolition, 1926 units have already been demolished.
