

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1741
FOR ANSWER ON 10.02.2026

IMPACT OF DELAY IN SINTER PLANT PROJECT ON BSL

1741. SHRI DULU MAHATO:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Sinter Plant project worth Rs. 400 crore awarded in 2019 to Bhilai Engineering Corporation, still remains incomplete, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government acknowledges that the prolonged delay in this project has adversely affected the daily production of Blast Furnace-I, resulting in heavy financial losses to Bokaro Steel Limited (BSL);
- (c) whether the Government has received any representations regarding this matter and the details of the action in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government can explain the reasons for such an inordinate delay in completing the project and indicate the authorities accountable for it, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has instituted any effective monitoring mechanism for this project and if so, the progress achieved so far; and
- (f) whether the Government will take immediate steps to ensure early completion of this project so as to prevent further losses to BSL?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA)
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(a)to(f): The contract for the Sinter Plant project at Steel Authority of India Limited/Bokaro Steel Plant (SAIL/BSL) was awarded in 2015. However, progress of the project was adversely affected due to non-performance of a consortium partner responsible for design, engineering and resource deployment; disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, etc. Due to continued poor performance of the defaulting consortium partner, the concerned firm was banned from business dealings, and risk & cost action was also initiated

SAIL/ BSL was able to meet the sinter requirement for its current operating levels by carrying out by repair and debottlenecking of the existing Sinter Plant. SAIL/BSL has awarded the balance works for completion of the main package to new agencies in 2025, execution against which has begun.

For improved execution and monitoring of projects, Digital Project Management Solutions and Electronic Drawing Management Systems have been introduced. Government has a structured way of monitoring all projects of SAIL regularly.
