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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCES FOR SAIL PLANTS IN WEST BENGAL

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of environmental clearances for Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) plants in West Bengal including inspections, violations, penalties and public access to these records;

(b) the details of technology upgrades using Best Available Technology at SAIL plants serving West Bengal, the timelines and expenditure incurred, especially for Durgapur Steel Plant;

(c) the steps taken to ensure SAIL has enough raw material for its plants following Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act amendments impacting West Bengal; and

(d) the Government's role in monitoring SAIL's environmental compliance, project spending and whether independent audits or inspections are publicly accessible?

ANSWER

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

(a)to(c): Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) plants in West Bengal are presently working with valid Environmental Clearance (EC). The relevant statutory records pertaining to these units are available on PARIVESH portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India.

At the plants of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) serving West Bengal, technology upgradation initiatives based on Best Available Technology (BAT) have been undertaken as part of modernisation and capacity augmentation programmes.

SAIL has adequate raw materials for its plants. Further measures to enhance iron ore production have been taken including accelerated exploration & strengthening of mining infrastructure and development of new mining areas.

(d) Environmental compliance at the units of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is monitored by regulatory bodies including MoEFCC, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs).
