

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.20
FOR ANSWER ON 04/02/2019**

RAIL PRODUCTION BY SAIL

20. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) is unable to meet demand for new rails of the Indian Railways for track renewal and capacity augmentation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the demand received therefor by SAIL during the last three years;
- (c) whether SAIL has taken steps to supply all the required quantity to the agencies including Indian Railways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a) During the year 2018-19, Indian Railways have indicated a requirement of around 14 lakh tons of Rails for track renewal and capacity augmentation. Against this demand, Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has committed to supply around 10 lakh tons of rails.
- (b) The details of demand of rails received from Indian Railways since 2014-15 and corresponding supply by SAIL are shown in the table:

(Unit: '000 Tons)

Year	Order placed by Indian Railways	Actual supply by SAIL
2014-15	581	584
2015-16	812	646
2016-17	1005	620
2017-18	1145	874

(c)&(d): Bhilai Steel Plant undertook Modernisation and Expansion Plan (MODEX) along with other integrated Steel Plant under SAIL with capacity enhancement of Crude Steel from 3.93 MTPA to 7.0 MTPA. This included installation of 1.2 MTPA capacity Universal Rail Mill. SAIL has established "Universal Rail Mill" in Bhilai Steel Plant to enhance the manufacturing capabilities of rails to cope up with increasing demand of Railways' requirements. The production from Universal Rail Mill (URM) has commenced from November, 2016.
