

# SAIL's Jan capex shortfall highest among steel PSUs

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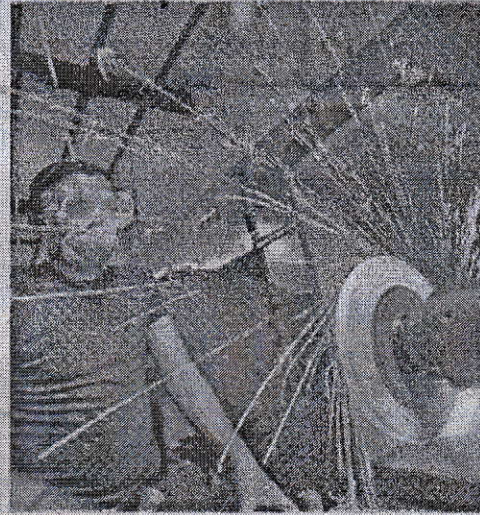
The PSUs under the Steel Ministry have spent around 22 per cent of their reworked capex for the January-March period, till end-January, with SAIL having the highest shortfall between targetted capex and actual spends for the period.

## **SAIL's SHORTFALL**

The report by the Ministry, accessed by *businessline*, said SAIL's capex target for Q4 is ₹3,554 crore — this includes ₹1,133 crore of shortfall in spending till end-Q3.

The January capex target for the steelmaker was reworked at ₹830 crore, of which it spent ₹534 crore or 64 per cent. But there was a shortfall of around ₹296 crore in spending. This has to be made up in March, the Ministry report said. So the targetted capex plan in February was ₹915 crore, while for March it was reworked to ₹2,105 crore.

In a response to the Parliament, it was said some of the steelmaker's ongoing projects worth ₹2,400 crore across its



plants in Bhilai, Rourkela and Bokaro were facing delays, "mainly on account of poor performance by contractors or sub-contractors, poor mobilisation of resources by contractors, delay in placement of orders and supply of materials or equipment."

## **OTHER PSUS**

Performance of other PSUs under the Ministry are relatively better. For instance, NMDC spent ₹293 crore as capex in January — ₹17 crore above the targetted capex of ₹276 crore for the month. RINL spent 100 per cent of its targeted capex between April and December 2022 at ₹420 crore, while in January it spent ₹16 crore (against ₹63 crore).