

DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

MINISTRY OF STEEL

A. IT INFRASTRUCTURE

- ❑ The Computer Centre in the Ministry is equipped with Windows-NT servers, pentium based client systems, a scanner for document imaging operations. In addition to these, the centre is also equipped with Local Area Network(LAN) equipments such as switches & hubs, which serve as a backbone for accessing information on Ministry-wide Local Area Network (LAN), Internet as well as operating Intranet based applications in the Ministry;
- ❑ Apart from NIC Central facility, about 90 pentium based client systems capable of handling present day Windows based software and office automation suits are operational with officials and Desks/Sections in the Ministry;
- ❑ A LAN of about 90 nodes is operational in the Ministry and is being extensively used for i) sharing of files/documents ii) collecting information/material on annual reports, parliament questions, VIP references and Parliament Assurances, position of vacant posts,



Finished Rails being inspected at SAIL's Bhilai Steel Plant

ACC approvals, pending review/appeal cases from Sections/Desks and iii) compilation and collection of replies of parliament questions from Desks/Sections in the Ministry and their onward transmission through E-mail to Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha;

- ❑ Facilities for sending & receiving electronic mail (browser based E-mail) to promote electronic messaging on Internet and facility for surfing the sectoral information on internet have been provided to all officials/Desks/Sections in the Ministry.

B. E-GOVERNANCE APPLICATIONS AND PROMOTING THE CONCEPT OF PAPERLESS OFFICE IN THE MINISTRY

- ❑ As part of the e-governance programme, a Ministry-wide Intranet portal (<http://nt-steel/>) is operational for e-submission of indents for monthly stationary items, application for earned leave as well as to share and disseminate information through a Bulletin Board services for Notices/Circulars/Office Orders among the users of the Ministry;
- ❑ The portal facilitates E-filing and approval of note sheets and documents as a work flow and work routing application. This system is being implemented for some of the identified subjects in Establishment Section, SAIL-OP and SAIL-PC on pilot basis;
- ❑ The facility for downloading of forms for sanction of leave and advances, medical reimbursement; ACRs; identity card, staff car booking; income tax; telephone list(English & Hindi), E-mail address directory of officials/Sections/Desks in the Ministry, organisation chart, activity list and training material in downloadable format on Windows-98, MS-Word, MSAccess, MS-Excel and Power Point is also provided on the Ministry-wide Intranet portal for the Officials/staff of the Ministry.
- ❑ Personal Corner for employee's profile, salary statement, GPF statement, income tax calculation sheet, Bulletin Board Service for Office Memoranda, Office Orders and Office Circulars and flash of deputation vacancies/posts in Govt. of India and news flash from leading news papers are available on the intranet portal.
- ❑ The Intranet portal also provides interface for accessing computer based systems in the area of tracking of important references, parliament assurances, position of vacant posts, ACC approvals, pending review/appeal cases etc and updating their status by sections/desks as and when desired.

C. MINISTRY'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE

- ❑ The Ministry's Web-site(<http://steel.nic.in>), in bilingual format on Internet is also available to provide information on administrative setup, major activities of the Ministry, the policy framework, Annual Reports, overview of the steel sector, Analysis of Steel Imports & Import Statistics, development since 1991, Research & Technology Development, Links to Ministry's PSUs and attached offices, Research & Technology Mission and Officials handling grievances in the Ministry, Office of Minister of Steel and Ministry's PSUs has also been provided to give a wide coverage of information on the Steel Sector.