



## No shortfall in rail order supply - Steel Secretary



Addressing the Bhilai collective Binoy Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Steel, GOI stressed on the utmost importance of Bhilai Steel Plant meeting its commitment of rail supply to Indian Railways.

There should be no shortfall in rail order supply of 10 lakh tonne. The Bhilai spirit must come through, he said. This sentiment was echoed by Anil Kumar Chaudhary, Chairman SAIL. Following the plant visit, the Steel Secretary and other dignitaries met with senior officers of URM, RSM, SMS-II & SMS-III and SAIL Uday team.

## Metso Wins Order to Deliver Iron Ore Pellet plant for Tata Steel



KHL Group Metso has won a significant order to deliver a large-scale iron ore pellet plant and related engineering services to Tata Steel for the expansion of the Kalinganagar operation located in Odisha state in India, according to a news report. The order has been booked in Metso's 4th quarter 2018 orders.

The new pellet plant will be equipped with capability to utilize a dual fuel burner and a burner management system that will

enable the use of iron ore feed from different sources, optimizing the overall cost of production, including the fuel type and consumption.

Victor Tapia, President, Metso's Mining Equipment business area, said "Metso and Tata Steel have a history of more than 25 years of successful cooperation. We take this much-valued partnership and the confidence in our know-how as clear indicators that we have been able to meet their business needs in a fast-changing business environment. In line with our value proposition, we will assist Tata Steel in minimizing fuel consumption and reducing their carbon footprint in pellet production."

This order is Metso's first iron ore pellet plant solution for Tata Steel. In summer 2018.

## India may edge US in steel demand in 2019 - Minister

Steel Minister Chaudhary Birender Singh has said that India is expected to edge past the US with regard to steel consumption this year. He said "Growth trend in steel consumption in India will continue, due to strong manufacturing sector, diversified demand demographics, accelerated expenditure on infrastructure, anticipated increase in GDP and strong focus on 'Make in India'. We are likely to leave behind US in terms of steel consumption this year."

According to PTI, he said that a budget of around INR 6 lakh crore was allocated for infrastructure development in the current financial year.