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The Bhilai plant’s main customer is the Indian Railways, which consumes about 30-32% of their total production. Thanks to the doubling and tripling of lines, the railways’ appetite for steel continues to be robust.

If the budget cuts customs duty on import of coking coal, he says, it will substantially lower input cost. In Bhilai plant, about 90% of coal is imported, mainly from Australia, as India lacks good quality coking coal.