

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1688
FOR ANSWER ON 13/12/2023

HIKE IN STEEL PRICES

1688. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that international and domestic Steel prices witnessed an unprecedented hike in the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government to reduce the domestic prices of iron and steel in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to reduce the dependence of imported steel and control prices of Iron and Steel for both domestic and industrial use and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to sign a MoU with International Iron and Steel conglomerates to meet the increasing demands for iron and steel in the country; and
- (e) the quantity of Iron produced from recycling of Iron Scraps collected from various industries and the status of production of recycled Iron?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a)&(b): Average domestic market price of key items of iron and steel for November 2023 indicate a decline when compared to November 2021 as given below:

Item	Average Market Price (Retail) in ₹ per tonne (Excluding GST)		
	November 2021	November 2023	% change
Pig Iron	46625	43469	-7
Pencil Ingots	46237	42915	-7
Wire Rods 8 mm	55388	52220	-6
Rounds 12 mm	55540	52949	-5
TMT 10 mm	57314	53271	-7
Plates 10 mm	69852	57636	-17
H. R. Coils 2.00 mm	71623	58216	-19
C. R. Coils 0.63 mm	78860	62966	-20
G. P. Sheets 0.63 mm	85237	68032	-20

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC)

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Similarly, international prices of select items for China, USA and EU for November 2023 and November 2021 indicate a decline as given below:

(Price in ₹ per tonne)

Item	China			USA			EU		
	Nov 21	Nov 23	% Change	Nov 21	Nov 23	% Change	Nov 21	Nov 23	% Change
Rebar	51275	40674	-21	74720	69103	-8	63599	55931	-12
HR Coils	57188	43302	-24	136601	75307	-45	84933	53279	-37
CR Coils	64920	55011	-15	158684	93873	-41	92736	60297	-35
GP Sheets	69286	59056	-15	159579	108027	-32	97557	68043	-30

Source: Fastmarkets Metal Bulletin; Note: - Prices are ex-works.

(c) Steel is a deregulated sector and the role of the Government is that of a facilitator. Decisions such as import and export are market driven, and are taken by the steel companies based on techno-commercial considerations. Government has taken the following steps to protect and promote the domestic steel industry, which include: -

- (i) Notification of Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMI&SP) Policy for promoting procurement of Made in India steel.
 - (ii) Implementation of Steel Quality Control Order to stop manufacturing and import of non-standardized steel.
 - (iii) Implementation of Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) for advanced registration of steel imports.
 - (iv) Notification of Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Specialty Steel with an outlay of ₹ 6322 Crore.
- (d) No such proposals are under consideration.

(e) Steel is a deregulated sector where decisions regarding usage of raw materials and methods adopted for production of steel are taken by individual companies based on their techno-economic considerations.
