

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1333
FOR ANSWER ON 01/12/2014

PRODUCTION OF STEEL

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a sharp decline in the production of steel in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the targets set and achievement made so far in saleable steel production by the Steel Authority of India (SAIL) and the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) for their main integrated steel plants including Vizag Steel Plant during the last three years and the current year, PSE/plant-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to achieve the desired production targets during the current year?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) No, Madam. Provisional data on crude steel production for the period of April-October, 2014 and April-October, 2013 is given below which indicates a modest growth during this period.

Period	Crude steel production (in million tonnes)
April-Oct., 2014*	48.491
April-Oct., 2013	47.380
% change*	2.3
Source: Joint Plant Committee, * Provisional	

(b) Performance of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) vis-a-vis targets for saleable steel production (saleable steel and pig iron) is as follows:

Unit: '000 Tonnes

Saleable Steel Production	SAIL		RINL	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
2011-12	12684	12506	3467	2990
2012-13	13152	12599	3467	2900
2013-14	14000	13103	3470	3016
2014-15	6561*	6443*	2149**	1573**

*April-September, 2014

** April-October, 2014

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(c) Steel is a deregulated sector. The role of the Government is that of a facilitator providing a conducive policy environment. However, the Government has taken the following steps to increase the production of steel:-

- (i) An Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) has been setup in the Ministry of Steel for effective coordination and expediting implementation of various investment projects in the steel sector.
- (ii) A Project Monitoring Group (PMG) has been constituted under the Cabinet Secretariat to fast track various clearances/resolution of issues delaying the investments of Rs.1000 crores or more in the manufacturing/infrastructure sector including the steel sector.
- (iii) To increase domestic value addition and improve iron ore availability for domestic steel industry, duty on export of iron ore has been increased to 30%. Recently, the Government has imposed export duty @ 5% ad-valorem on export of iron ore pellets.
- (iv) Rates of custom duty on stainless steel flat products have been enhanced from 5% to 7.5% in the Union Budget for 2014-15.
