GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF STEEL

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PERFORMANCE OF STEEL SECTOR

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Will the Minister of Steel be pleased to state:

(a) the expected performance of the steel sector in the Financial Year 2025 through the various schemes implemented by Government;

(b) whether there has been any increase in the performance of the steel sector as compared to previous years, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the impact of the steel sector on other sectors like construction, automotive and defence; and

(d) the details of the increase in production, consumption and domestic demand of steel in the country, State-wise including the state of Uttarakhand?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI H.D.KUMARASWAMY)

(a)to(d): Steel is a deregulated sector and the government acts as a facilitator. The following table indicates the growth of steel production and consumption during the last five years:-

Year	Crude Steel (in MnT)	Finished Steel (in MnT)	
	Production	Production	Consumption
2019-20	109.14	102.62	100.17
2020-21	103.54	96.20	94.89
2021-22	120.29	113.60	105.75
2022-23	127.20	123.20	119.89
2023-24	144.30	139.15	136.29
Apr-Oct '23	82.47	79.13	76.01
Apr-Oct '24	85.40	82.81	85.70
Source: Joint Plant Committee(JPC)			

State-wise details of finished steel production for the financial year from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is provided in the **annexure**.

The impact of steel sector on other sectors like construction, automotive and defence is as follows:-

Construction Sector: Steel is integral to the construction of large-scale infrastructure projects such as highways, bridges, railways, and metro systems. The demand for steel products, including TMT bars, rebar, and wire rods, is linked to infrastructure expansion initiatives of the government like *Bharatmala* and *Sagarmala* and affordable housing programs like *Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)*.

Automotive Sector: Steel is used in manufacturing a wide range of components, including chassis, body panels, and engine parts. As the automotive industry continues to grow—fueled in part by initiatives such as *Make in India*—the demand for high-quality steel products has expanded. Steel's combination of strength and lightness is critical for meeting stringent safety standards while also improving fuel efficiency, making it a key material in modern vehicle production.

Defence Sector: The need for specialized, high-strength steel alloys has risen alongside increasing defense investments to strengthen the country's military capabilities. Beyond equipment, steel is crucial in constructing defense infrastructure, such as military bases and storage facilities, roads and bridges which require durable and resilient materials to ensure long-term security and stability.

Finished Steel production - State Wise (in 000't) 2020-21 2021-22 2019-20 2022-23 2023-24 State Andhra Pradesh Arunachal Pradesh Assam Bihar Chandigarh Chhattisgarh Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu Delhi Goa Gujarat Haryana Himachal Pradesh Jammu and Kashmir Jharkhand Karnataka Kerala Madhya Pradesh Maharashtra Meghalaya Odisha Puducherry Punjab Rajasthan Tamil Nadu Telangana Tripura Uttar Pradesh Uttarakhand West Bengal Total

Source: Joint Plant Committee(JPC)